#### **SUPPLEMENT DATED JUNE 28, 2019**

# FIRST INVESTORS INCOME AND EQUITY FUNDS PROSPECTUS AND STATEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 31, 2019

# FIRST INVESTORS TAX EXEMPT FUNDS PROSPECTUS AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019

# FIRST INVESTORS LIFE SERIES FUNDS PROSPECTUS AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019

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- 1. In the prospectuses for the First Investors Income Funds, First Investors Equity Funds and First Investors Tax Exempt Funds, in the "Shareholder Information" section, the seventh paragraph under the heading "How are transactions processed?" is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - Generally, the Funds expect to meet redemption requests through their holdings of cash (or cash equivalents) or by selling portfolio securities. The Funds may also consider interfund lending to meet redemption requests. The Funds may be more likely to use interfund lending to meet large redemption requests or during periods of market stress. For additional information about interfund lending, please refer to the Funds' SAI. The Funds currently do not reserve the right to make in-kind redemptions.
- 2. In the prospectus for the First Investors Life Series Funds, in the "Shareholder Information" section, the following is added as the third to last sentence of the last paragraph under the heading "How do I buy and sell shares?":
  - The Funds currently do not reserve the right to make in-kind redemptions.
- 3. In Part II of the statements of additional information for the First Investors Income Funds, First Investors Equity Funds and First Investors Tax Exempt Funds, in the "Additional Information Concerning Purchases, Redemptions, Pricing, and Shareholder Services" section, the subsection entitled "In-Kind Redemptions" is deleted in its entirety.
- 4. In Part II of the statements of additional information for the First Investors Income Funds, First Investors Equity Funds and First Investors Tax Exempt Funds, in the "Additional Information Concerning Purchases, Redemptions, Pricing, and Shareholder Services" section, the second paragraph under the heading "Special Information for participants in 403(b)(7) Accounts or 457(b) Accounts" is deleted in its entirety.

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# SUPPLEMENT DATED MAY 1, 2019 TO

# FIRST INVESTORS LIFE SERIES FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019

# FIRST INVESTORS TAX EXEMPT FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019

On April 9, 2019, The Independent Order of Foresters, the ultimate parent company of Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO"), which is the investment adviser to the separate series of the trusts listed above (the "Funds"), Foresters Financial Services, Inc. ("FFS"), which is the Funds' distributor, and Foresters Investor Services, Inc. ("FIS"), which is the Funds' transfer agent, announced that it has entered into the two definitive purchase agreements described below that, once completed, will result in the sale of its U.S. North American Asset Management businesses.

First, FIMCO has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Macquarie Management Holdings, Inc. ("Macquarie") whereby Macquarie, a global investment management firm headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will purchase FIMCO's assets related to the mutual fund management business, including the Funds (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is not expected to result in any material changes to the Funds' investment objectives and principal investment strategies. However, upon the completion of the Transaction, Macquarie expects that each Fund will be reorganized into a substantially similar fund that is managed by Delaware Management Company, a subsidiary of Macquarie (the "Reorganizations"). The Transaction is expected to be completed during the fourth calendar quarter of 2019, pending the satisfaction of certain closing conditions and approvals, including approvals of the Reorganizations by the Funds' Board of Trustees and Fund shareholders at a special shareholder meeting.

Second, FFS and Foresters Advisory Services, LLC ("FAS") has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Cetera Financial Group, Inc. ("Cetera"), a U.S.-based wealth management firm headquartered in Denver, Colorado, whereby Cetera will purchase FFS' retail brokerage business and FAS' retail advisory business. This transaction is expected to be completed in the second calendar quarter of 2019.

No shareholder action is necessary at this time. More detailed information about the Reorganizations will be provided in a forthcoming proxy statement. When you receive your proxy statement, please review it carefully and cast your vote. This Supplement is not a proxy and is not soliciting any proxy, which can only be done by means of a proxy statement.

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# Life Series Funds

## **Ticker Symbols**

Covered Call Strategy	
Equity Income	
Fund For Income	
Government Cash Management	
Growth & Income	
International	
Investment Grade	
Limited Duration Bond	
Opportunity	
Select Growth	
Special Situations	
Total Return	

This prospectus should be read in conjunction with the prospectus for the variable annuity contract and/or life insurance policy that you purchase. The shares of the Funds described above are available and are being marketed exclusively as a pooled funding vehicle for life insurance companies writing all types of variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is

May 1, 2019

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Investment Grade Fund Limited Duration Bond Fund Opportunity Fund Select Growth Fund Special Situations Fund Total Return Fund

#### THE FUNDS SUMMARY SECTION

#### COVERED CALL STRATEGY FUND

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.23%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.98%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Covered Call Strategy Fund	\$100	\$312	\$542	\$1,201

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 87% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund invests in a portfolio of equity securities and writes (sells) call options on those securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund writes (sells) call options on at least 80% of the Fund's total assets. The Fund normally writes (sells) covered call options listed on U.S. exchanges on the equity securities held by the Fund to seek to lower the overall volatility of the Fund's portfolio, protect the Fund from market declines and generate income. The call options written (sold) by the Fund will generally have an exercise price that is above the market price of the underlying security at the time the option is written (sold). The Fund's equity investments consist primarily of common stocks of large-size U.S. companies, certain of which may pay dividends, and U.S. dollar-denominated equity securities of foreign issuers (i.e., American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs")) traded on U.S. securities exchanges. To a lesser extent, the Fund may also invest in and write (sell) covered call options on securities of mid- and smallcapitalization issuers and exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that track certain market indices, such as the S&P 500. The nature of the Fund is such that it may be expected to underperform equity markets during periods of sharply rising equity prices; conversely, the Fund seeks to reduce losses relative to equity markets during periods of declining equity prices.

A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period. Covered call options may be sold up to the number of shares of the equity securities held by the Fund.

In selecting investments, the Fund's subadviser considers the following, among other criteria: a) companies in an industry with a large market share or significant revenues that fit the Fund's investment strategy; b) companies with new products or new management to replace underperforming management; c) recent or anticipated fundamental improvements in industry environment; and d) companies that are out of favor. Call options written by the Fund are designed to create income, lower the overall volatility of the Fund's portfolio and mitigate the impact of market declines. The Fund's subadviser considers several factors when writing (selling) call options, including the overall equity market outlook, sector and/or industry attractiveness, individual security considerations, and relative and/or historical levels of option premiums.

The Fund may sell a security based on the following, among other criteria: a) an actual or anticipated significant decline in an issuer's profitability and/or a significant negative outlook from management; b) a large appreciation in the stock price that leads to overvaluation relative to itself and its peers historically; c) significant management turnover at the senior level; or d) an industrywide decrease in demand for an issuer's products or services. The subadviser writes call options based upon the subadviser's outlook on the economy and stock market and analysis of individual stocks, which can impact the exercise price and expiration of a call option. Generally, higher implied volatility will lead to longer expirations, locking in potentially higher call premiums, whereas lower implied volatility will tend to lead to shorter-dated options. The writing of covered call options may result in frequent trading and a high portfolio turnover rate.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold

significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the information technology sector.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

American Depositary Receipts Risk. ADRs may involve many of the same risks as direct investments in foreign securities, including currency exchange fluctuations, less liquidity, more volatility, different governmental regulations, and the potential for political and economic instability.

Call Options Risk. Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. Writing call options may expose the Fund to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value.

Dividend Risk. At times, the Fund may not be able to identify attractive dividend-paying stocks. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay, which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in securities of ETFs typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

High Portfolio Turnover and Frequent Trading Risk. High portfolio turnover could increase the Fund's transaction costs and negatively impact performance.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or a change in interest rates. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling investments to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the information technology sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as intense competition, government regulation and potentially rapid product obsolescence. Companies in this sector also are heavily dependent on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations. Declines in certain securities could detract from the Fund's returns even when the broad market is flat or increasing and the Fund's call option writing strategy may make it difficult for the Fund to dispose of underperforming securities.

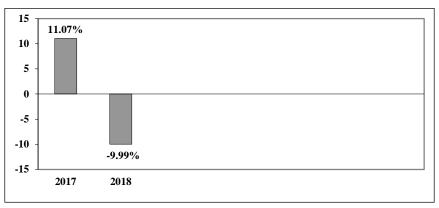
An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance**: The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for the 1-year and Life of Fund periods compare to those of a broad

measure of market performance and also to an index that reflects a buy-write strategy using S&P 500 Index call options. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

## Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the period shown, the highest quarterly return was 5.79% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2018) and the lowest quarterly return was -12.71% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018).

## Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	Life of Fund
Covered Call Strategy Fund (Inception Date: 5/2/16)	-9.99%	1.94%
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or	-4.38%	9.44%
taxes)		
Cboe S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (reflects no deduction for fees,	-4.77%	5.35%
expenses or taxes)		

Investment Adviser: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Ziegler Capital Management, LLC ("ZCM") serves as subadviser to the Fund.

**Portfolio Managers**: The Fund is managed primarily by Wiley D. Angell and Sean C. Hughes, CFA at ZCM, who have served as the Fund's portfolio managers since its inception in 2016.

### Other Important Information About The

**Fund**: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### **EQUITY INCOME FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks total return.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a	
percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
	None
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None

0.81%

# Example

**Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses** 

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Equity Income Fund	\$83	\$259	\$450	\$1,002

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 50% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, primarily in dividend-paying stocks of companies that the Fund believes are undervalued in the market relative to their long term potential. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in equities. For purposes of this 80% policy, equities may include common stock, preferred stock, equity-based exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and instruments that are convertible into common stock, or other instruments that represent an equity position in an issuer. The Fund normally will diversify its assets among dividend-paving stocks of large-, mid- and small-size companies. The Fund may also invest in stocks of companies of any size that do not pay dividends, but have the potential of paying dividends in the future if they appear to be undervalued.

The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on the securities it holds to generate income. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period.

The Fund generally uses a "bottom-up" approach in attempting to identify stocks that are undervalued. This means that the Fund generally identifies potential investments through fundamental research and analysis which includes, among other things, analyzing

a company's balance sheet, cash flow statements and competition within a company's industry. The Fund also assesses a company's corporate strategy and whether the company is operating in the interests of shareholders, as well as analyzing economic trends, interest rates, and industry diversification.

The Fund may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investment opportunities become more attractive.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Call Options Risk. Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. Writing call options may expose the Fund to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value.

Dividend Risk. At times, the Fund may not be able to identify attractive dividend-paying stocks. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay, which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid-to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

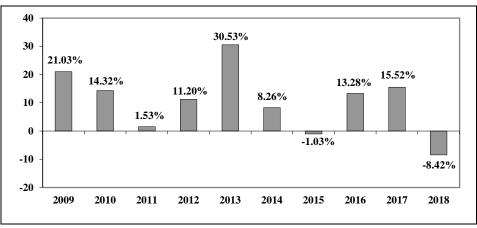
*Undervalued Securities Risk.* The Fund seeks to invest in securities that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these developments do not occur, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 14.39% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -15.03% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2011).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Equity Income Fund	-8.42%	5.13%	10.10%
MSCI USA Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)*	-7.18%	6.62%	11.13%
Russell 1000 Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees,	-8.27%	5.95%	11.18%
expenses or taxes)*			

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund changed its primary broad based securities index to the MSCI USA Value Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflects the Fund's investment strategies.

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment

Management Company, Inc.

**Portfolio Manager**: Sean Reidy, Director of Equities, has served as Portfolio Manager of

the Fund since 2011.

Other Important Information About The

**Fund:** For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### **FUND FOR INCOME**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks high current income.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a	
percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.16%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.91%

### Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Fund For Income	\$93	\$290	\$504	\$1,120

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 73% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund primarily invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). High vield bonds include both bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings as well as unrated bonds that are determined by the Fund to be of equivalent quality. High yield bonds generally provide higher income than investment grade bonds to compensate investors for their higher risk of default (i.e., failure to make required interest or principal payments). The Fund may also invest in other high vield debt securities, such as assignments of syndicated bank loans (also known as "floating rate loans").

Although the Fund will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, it relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. The Fund may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. It may also decide to continue to hold a bond (or related securities) after its issuer defaults or is subject to a bankruptcy.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

*Credit Risk*. A debt issuer may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer.

Floating Rate Loan Risk. The value of any collateral securing a floating rate loan may decline, be insufficient to meet the borrower's obligations, or be difficult or costly to liquidate. It may take significantly longer than 7 days for investments in floating rate loans to settle, which can adversely affect the Fund's ability to timely honor redemptions. In the event of a default, it may be difficult to collect on any collateral and a floating rate loan can decline significantly in value. The Fund's access to collateral may also be limited by bankruptcy or other insolvency laws. Although senior loans may be senior to equity and other debt securities in the borrower's capital structure, the loans may be subordinated to other obligations of the borrower or its subsidiaries. If a floating rate loan is acquired through an assignment, the Fund may not be able to unilaterally enforce all rights and remedies under the loan and with regard to any associated collateral. High yield floating rate loans usually are more credit sensitive. Floating rate loans may not be considered "securities" for certain purposes of the federal securities laws and purchasers, such as the Fund, therefore, may not be entitled to rely on the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws.

High Yield Securities Risk. High yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds"), including floating rate loans, have greater credit risk than higher quality debt securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong. High yield securities are inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. During times of economic stress, high yield securities issuers may be unable to access credit to refinance their bonds or meet their credit obligations.

Interest Rate Risk. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to

increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. The interest rates on floating rate securities adjust periodically and may not correlate to prevailing interest rates during the periods between rate adjustments, meaning that they could remain sensitive over the short-term to interest rate changes. Securities with longer maturities and durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Liquidity Risk. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. High yield securities and loans tend to be less liquid. Floating rate loans generally are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale and may trade infrequently. Assignments of bank loans and bonds also may be less liquid because of potential delays in the settlement process or restrictions on resale.

Market Risk. The floating rate loan, high yield loan and bond market can experience sharp price swings due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market volatility, large sustained sales of high yield bonds by major investors, high-profile defaults or the market's psychology. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

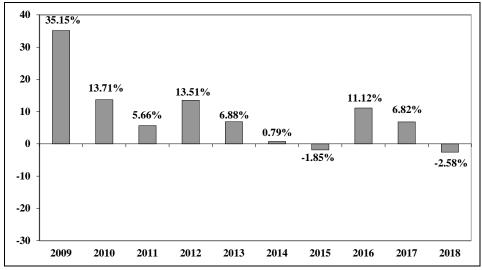
Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. In addition, on April 24, 2009, Muzinich & Co., Inc. ("Muzinich") became the Fund's subadviser.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

## Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 15.22% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -5.37% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2011).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund For Income	-2.58%	2.73%	8.46%
ICE BofAML BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index	-2.04%	3.87%	9.98%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			

Investment Adviser: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Muzinich serves as the Fund's subadviser.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund is managed primarily by a team of investment professionals at Muzinich. Clinton Comeaux has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2009 and Bryan Petermann has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2010.

# Other Important Information About The

Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### **GOVERNMENT CASH MANAGEMENT FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks to earn a high rate of current income consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.31%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.06%

### Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Government Cash Management Fund	\$108	\$337	\$585	\$1,294

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund intends to operate as a "government money market fund" as defined in Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund will invest at least 99.5% of its total assets in (i) U.S. government securities; (ii) cash; and/or (iii) repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by cash

and/or U.S. government securities. In addition, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including any borrowings for investment purposes, in U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements collateralized fully by cash or U.S. government securities. U.S. government securities include: U.S. Treasury bills and

notes; obligations issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including securities issued by entities chartered by Congress that are not issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, including the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Home Loan Banks and Federal Farm Credit Banks; and obligations issued by issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including the Government National Mortgage Association. The Fund may invest in fixed, variable and floating rate instruments. The Fund generally invests in securities with remaining maturities of 397 days or less.

The Fund's portfolio is managed to meet regulatory requirements that permit the Fund to maintain a stable net asset value ("NAV") of \$1.00 per share. These include requirements relating to the credit quality, maturity, liquidity and diversification of the Fund's investments.

Principal Risks: You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve a \$1.00 per share net asset value, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide support to the Fund at any time. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Credit Risk. The U.S. government securities the Fund invests in may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Securities issued by U.S. government sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing entity. The value of an investment will decline if there is a default by or a deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer or a provider of a credit enhancement or demand feature. This

could cause the Fund's NAV to decline below \$1.00 per share.

Interest Rate Risk. Like the values of other debt instruments, the market values of U.S government securities are affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the market values of U.S. government securities generally decline. This could cause the Fund's NAV to decline below \$1.00 per share. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates.

Liquidity Risk. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to maintain a \$1.00 share price.

Market Risk. The prices of the debt securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions or cause the Fund's NAV to decline below \$1.00 per share. Supply issues could arise within the U.S. Treasury securities market as demand increases for U.S. government securities.

Repurchase Agreement Risk. If the seller in a repurchase agreement transaction defaults on its obligation to repurchase a security, the Fund may suffer delays, incur costs and lose money in exercising its rights.

*Yield Risk.* The yields received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline.

Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share,

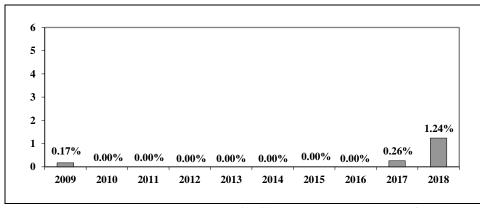
it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund

**Performance**: The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

Prior to October 3, 2016, the Fund invested in certain securities that are no longer permissible for "government money market funds" under Rule 2a-7. The performance below may have been different if the current limit on the Fund's investments had been in effect

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

#### **Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31**



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 0.41% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018) and the lowest quarterly return was 0.00% (for each quarter beginning with the quarter ended December 31, 2009 through the quarter ended June 30, 2017).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Government Cash Management Fund	1.24%	0.30%	0.17%

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.

# Other Important Information About The

**Fund:** For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

## **GROWTH & INCOME FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital and current income.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.73%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.05%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.78%

# Example

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The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Growth & Income Fund	\$80	\$249	\$433	\$966

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 58% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund primarily invests in common stocks that offer the potential for capital growth, current income or both. The Fund primarily invests in common stocks of large-size companies. The Fund may also invest in mid- and small-size companies. Some but not all of the companies the Fund invests in may regularly pay dividends.

The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on the securities it holds to generate income. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period.

The Fund generally uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. This means that the Fund generally identifies potential investments through fundamental research and analysis and thereafter focuses on other issues, such as economic trends, interest rates, industry diversification and market capitalization. In deciding whether to buy or sell securities, the Fund considers, among other things, the issuer's financial strength, management, earnings growth or potential earnings growth and the issuer's valuation relative to its fundamentals and peers.

The Fund may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, is no longer attractively valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Call Options Risk. Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. Writing call options may expose the Fund to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value.

*Dividend Risk*. At times, the Fund may not be able to identify attractive dividend-paying stocks. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay, which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. The Fund's investments in potential growth opportunities may increase the potential volatility of its share price. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

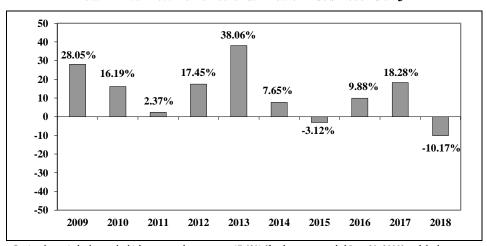
*Undervalued Securities Risk*. The Fund seeks to invest in securities that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these developments do not occur, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

#### Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 17.42% (for the quarter ended June 30,2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -17.48% (for the quarter ended September 30,2011).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Growth & Income Fund	-10.17%	4.02%	11.64%
MSCI USA Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)*	-7.18%	6.62%	11.13%
Russell 1000 Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-8.27%	5.95%	11.18%

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund changed its primary broad-based securities index to the MSCI USA Value Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflects the Fund's investment strategies.

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.

**Portfolio Manager**: The Fund is managed primarily by Sean Reidy, Director of Equities, who has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2018.

Evan Snyder has served as Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2015.

Other Important Information About The Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### **INTERNATIONAL FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund primarily seeks long-term capital growth.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.11%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.86%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
International Fund	\$88	\$274	\$477	\$1,061

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 50% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of common stocks and other equity securities of companies that are located outside of the United States. To a limited degree, the Fund may also invest in companies based in the United States. The Fund primarily relies on the country where the issuer is incorporated, is headquartered or has its principal place of business in determining the location of an issuer. The Fund may consider a company to be located in a particular country even if it is not domiciled in, or have its principal place of business in, that country if at least 50% of its assets are in, or it expects to derive at least 50% of its total revenue or profits from, goods or services produced in or sales made in that country.

The Fund typically invests in the securities of medium to large size companies, but will also invest in smaller companies. The Fund's holdings may be limited to the securities of 40 to 60 different issuers and may focus its investments in companies located in or tied economically to particular countries or regions. The Fund may invest significantly in emerging or developing markets.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the consumer staples sector.

The subadviser selects investments by screening a universe of stocks that meet its "quality growth" criteria, which include high return on equity and low to moderate leverage, among others. It then further narrows that

universe by using a bottom-up stock and business analysis approach to identify companies whose businesses are highly profitable, have consistent operating histories and financial performance and enjoy possible long-term economic prospects. The subadviser also seeks to generate greater returns by investing in securities at a price below what it believes to be the company's intrinsic worth.

In making sell decisions, the subadviser considers, among other things, whether a security's price target has been met, whether there has been an overvaluation of the issuer by the market, whether there has been a clear deterioration of future earnings power and whether, in the subadviser's opinion, there has been a loss of long-term competitive advantage.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Emerging Markets Risk. The risks of investing in foreign securities are heightened when investing in emerging or developing markets. The economies and political environments of emerging or developing countries tend to be more unstable, resulting in more volatile rates of returns than developed markets and substantially greater risk.

Focused Portfolio Risk. Because the Fund's assets may be invested in a limited number of issuers, its performance may be more volatile than other funds whose portfolios contain a larger number of securities.

Foreign Securities Risk. There are special risk factors associated with investing in foreign securities, including the risks of fluctuations in exchange rates, potential political and economic instability, differing accounting and financial reporting standards or inability to obtain reliable financial information regarding a company's financial condition, less stringent

regulation and supervision of foreign securities markets, custodians and securities depositories, and potential capital restrictions. To the extent the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in securities of a single country or region, it is more likely to be affected by events or conditions of that area. As a result, it may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified fund.

Liquidity Risk. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. This risk is particularly acute in the case of foreign securities that are traded in smaller, less-developed or emerging markets.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with the securities of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with securities of larger, more established companies because such securities tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the consumer staples sector, meaning the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the health of the overall economy, marketing campaigns, changes in consumer demands, government regulations and changes in commodity prices.

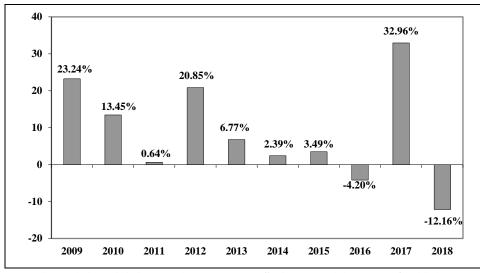
*Security Selection Risk.* Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

# Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 19.05% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -12.92% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2011).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
International Fund	-12.16%	3.46%	7.97%
MSCI EAFE Index (Gross)	-13.36%	1.00%	6.81%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			
MSCI EAFE Index (Net)	-13.79%	0.53%	6.31%
(reflects the deduction of foreign withholding taxes on			
dividends)			

Investment Adviser: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. ("Vontobel") serves as the subadviser of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund is managed primarily by Matthew Benkendorf, Managing Director, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, who has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2016. Daniel Kranson and David Souccar, each an Executive Director, Senior Research Analyst and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, have served as Deputy Portfolio Managers of the Fund since 2016.

## Other Important Information About The

Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### **INVESTMENT GRADE FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks to generate a maximum level of income consistent with investment primarily in investment grade debt securities.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.10%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.87%

### Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Investment Grade Fund	\$89	\$278	\$482	\$1,073

**Portfolio Turnover**: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 53% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment grade debt securities. Investment grade debt securities include those that are rated within the four highest ratings categories by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or that are unrated but determined by the Fund's investment adviser, Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("Adviser"), to be of equivalent quality.

The Fund primarily invests in investment grade corporate bonds. The Fund may also invest in other investment grade securities, including securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises (some of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) and investment grade mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. In making investment decisions, the Adviser considers the outlook for interest rates. economic forecasts and market conditions. credit ratings, and its own analysis of an issuer's financial condition. The Adviser attempts to stay broadly diversified, but may emphasize certain industries based on its outlook. The Adviser usually will sell a security when it shows deteriorating fundamentals, it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations, or a more attractive investment is available. The Adviser will not necessarily sell an investment if its rating is reduced.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high vield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co, Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadvisor to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's or below BBB- by S&P as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. Muzinich will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, but relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. In managing its portion of the Fund, Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. In addition, the Adviser may also invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that could expose the Fund to high vield securities.

The Fund may invest in securities of any maturity or duration, but may adjust its average portfolio weighted duration or maturity in anticipation of interest rate changes. For example, if the Fund expects interest rates to rise, it may seek to reduce its average portfolio weighted duration and maturity. The Fund may also invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Credit Risk. A debt issuer may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer and, in the case of mortgage-backed and assetbacked securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing entity.

Derivatives Risk. Investments in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures involve risks, such as potential losses if interest rates do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. Investments in derivatives can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price and may expose it to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind, or value.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

High Yield Securities Risk. High yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") have greater credit risk than higher quality debt securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong. High yield securities are inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. During times of economic stress, high yield securities issuers may be unable to access credit to refinance their bonds or meet their credit obligations.

Interest Rate Risk. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to

increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Securities with longer maturities and durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Liquidity Risk. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. High yield securities tend to be less liquid.

Market Risk. The prices of the debt securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Prepayment and Extension Risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Conversely, when interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly, which will generally increase the Fund's sensitivity to interest rates and its potential for price declines.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

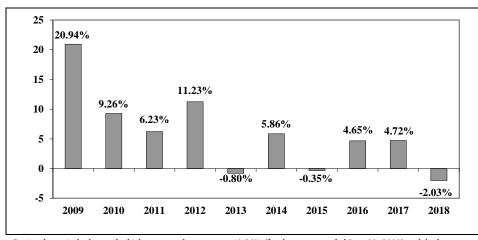
An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance**: The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's

average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Prior to May 1, 2018, Muzinich did not serve as a subadviser to the Fund.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

#### Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 10.24% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -3.31% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2013).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Investment Grade Fund	-2.03%	2.52%	5.78%
ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate Master Index	-2.25%	3.34%	6.10%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO") is the Fund's investment adviser and Muzinich serves as the subadviser to a portion of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund assets managed by FIMCO are managed by Rajeev Sharma, Director of Fixed Income, who serves as Portfolio Manager of the Fund and has served as Portfolio Manager or Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2009. The portion of the Fund managed by Muzinich is managed primarily by Clinton Comeaux and Bryan Petermann, Portfolio Managers of the Fund since 2018.

Other Important Information About The Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

#### LIMITED DURATION BOND FUND

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks current income consistent with low volatility of principal.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.55%
Acquired Funds Fees and Expenses	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.32%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Limited Duration Bond Fund	\$134	\$418	\$723	\$1,590

**Portfolio Turnover**: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund

operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 268% of the average value of its portfolio. Principal Investment Strategies: Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment grade bonds. For purposes of this 80% policy, investment grade bonds also include other investment grade fixed-income securities.

Investment grade debt securities include those that are rated within the four highest ratings categories by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or that are unrated but determined by the Fund's investment adviser, Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("Adviser"), to be of equivalent quality.

The Fund may invest in a variety of different types of investment grade securities, including corporate bonds, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises (some of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government), mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. In making investment decisions, the Adviser considers the outlook for interest rates. economic forecasts and market conditions, credit ratings, and its own analysis of an issuer's financial condition. The Adviser attempts to stay broadly diversified, but may emphasize certain industries based on its outlook. The Adviser usually will sell a security when it shows deteriorating fundamentals, it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations, or a more attractive investment is available. The Adviser will not necessarily sell an investment if its rating is reduced.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co, Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadviser to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's or below BBB- by S&P as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. Muzinich

will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, but relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. In managing its portion of the Fund, Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. In addition, the Adviser may also invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that could expose the Fund to high yield securities.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

The Fund seeks to maintain an average weighted duration of between one and three vears. Duration is a measurement of a bond's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a bond's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for each year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of fixed income securities has an average weighted duration of two years, its value can be expected to fall about 2% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 2% if interest rates fall by 1%. As a result, prices of securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than prices of securities with shorter durations. By comparison, a debt security's "maturity" is the date on which the security matures and the issuer is obligated to repay principal. Duration is typically not equal to maturity.

The Fund may invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Call Risk. During periods of falling interest rates, an issuer of a callable bond held by the Fund may "call" or repay the security before its stated maturity, and the Fund's income may decline if it has to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate.

Credit Risk. A debt issuer may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer and, in the case of mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing entity.

Derivatives Risk. Investments in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates involve risks, such as potential losses if interest rates do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. Investments in derivatives can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price and may expose it to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind, or value.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

High Yield Securities Risk. High yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") have greater credit risk than higher quality debt securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong. High yield securities are inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. During times of economic stress, high yield securities issuers may be unable to access credit to

refinance their bonds or meet their credit obligations.

Interest Rate Risk. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Securities with longer maturities and durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Liquidity Risk. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. High yield securities tend to be less liquid.

Market Risk. The prices of the debt securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Prepayment and Extension Risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Conversely, when interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly, which will generally increase both the Fund's sensitivity to rising interest rates and its potential for price declines.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of the Fund's shares

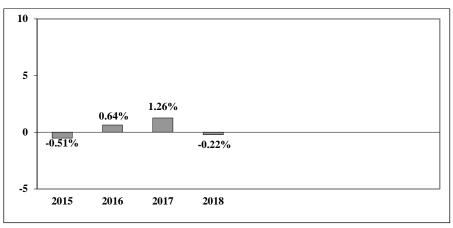
may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. **Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for the 1-year and Life of Fund periods compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Prior to May 1, 2018, Muzinich did not serve as a subadviser to the Fund.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

# **Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31**



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 1.16% (for the quarter ended March 31, 2016) and the lowest quarterly return was -1.23% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2016).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	Life of Fund
Limited Duration Bond Fund (Inception Date: 7/1/14)	-0.22%	-0.33%
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond	1.60%	1.02%
Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)*		
ICE BofAML 1-5 Year U.S. Broad Market Index	1.37%	1.30%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)		

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund changed its primary broad-based securities index to the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflects the Fund's investment strategies.

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO") is the Fund's investment adviser and Muzinich serves as the subadviser to a portion of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund assets managed by FIMCO are managed by Rodwell Chadehumbe, who has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since its inception in 2014. The portion of the Fund managed by Muzinich is managed primarily by Clinton Comeaux and Bryan Petermann, Portfolio Managers of the Fund since 2018.

Other Important Information About The Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

# **OPPORTUNITY FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks long-term capital growth.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)			
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A		
(as a percentage of offering price)			
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A		
purchase price or redemption price)			
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a			
percentage of the value of your investment)			
Management Fees	0.75%		
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None		
Other Expenses	0.09%		
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.84%		

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Opportunity Fund	\$86	\$268	\$466	\$1,037

**Portfolio Turnover**: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund

operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 59% of the average value of its portfolio. Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund invests primarily in mid- and small-size companies that the Fund's investment adviser, Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc., believes offer strong growth opportunities. The Fund may also invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to gain exposure to such securities. The Fund may continue to hold stocks of companies that grow into larger companies and may also invest opportunistically in larger companies.

The Fund uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. The Fund uses fundamental research to search for companies that have one or more of the following: a strong balance sheet; experienced management; above-average earnings growth potential; and stocks that are attractively priced. The Fund attempts to stay broadly diversified, but it may emphasize certain industry sectors based upon economic and market conditions.

The Fund may sell a stock if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive. The Fund may also sell a stock if it grows into a large, well-established company, although it may also continue to hold such a stock irrespective of its size.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

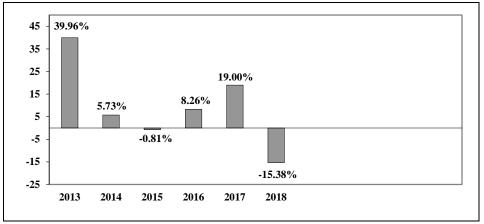
Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for the 1-year, 5-year and Life of Fund periods compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

# Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 11.93% (for the quarter ended March 31, 2013) and the lowest quarterly return was -16.37% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	Life of Fund
Opportunity Fund (Inception Date: 12/17/12)	-15.38%	2.71%	8.20%
S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index	-11.08%	6.03%	10.27%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.

Portfolio Managers: Steven S. Hill, Senior Portfolio Manager, has served as either Portfolio Manager or Co-Portfolio Manager since the Fund's inception in 2012. Thomas Alonso has served as Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2018.

# Other Important Information About The

**Fund:** For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

# **SELECT GROWTH FUND**

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	_
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.06%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Select Growth Fund	\$83	\$259	\$450	\$1,002

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio

**Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses** 

turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

0.81%

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund invests in a portfolio of approximately 40-45 common stocks that the Fund's subadviser, Smith Asset Management Group, L.P. ("Smith"), believes offers the best potential for earnings growth with the lowest risk of negative earnings surprises.

Smith employs quantitative and qualitative analysis to identify high quality companies that it believes have the ability to accelerate earnings growth and exceed investor expectations. Beginning with a universe of stocks that includes large-, mid- and small-size companies, Smith's investment team uses risk control and valuation screens primarily based on valuation, financial quality, stock volatility and corporate governance, to eliminate stocks that are highly volatile or are more likely to underperform the market.

Stocks that pass the initial screens are then evaluated using a proprietary methodology and fundamental analysis to produce a list of 80-100 eligible companies that Smith believes have a high probability of earnings growth that exceeds investor expectations. The analysis includes an evaluation of changes in Wall Street opinions, individual analysts' historical accuracy, earnings quality analysis and corporate governance practices. Smith then constructs the Fund's portfolio based on a traditional fundamental analysis of the companies identified on the list to understand their business prospects, earnings potential, strength of management and competitive positioning.

Stocks may be sold if they exhibit negative investment or performance characteristics, including: a negative earnings forecast or report, valuation concerns, company officials' downward guidance on company performance or earnings or announcement of a buyout. Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the information technology sector.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Focused Portfolio Risk. Because the Fund generally invests in a limited portfolio of only 40 to 45 stocks, its performance may be more

volatile than other funds whose portfolios contain a larger number of securities.

Growth Stock Risk. The Fund's focus on growth stocks increases the potential volatility of its share price. If expectations are not met, the prices of these stocks may decline significantly.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the information technology sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as intense competition and potentially rapid product obsolescence. Companies in this sector also are heavily dependent on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

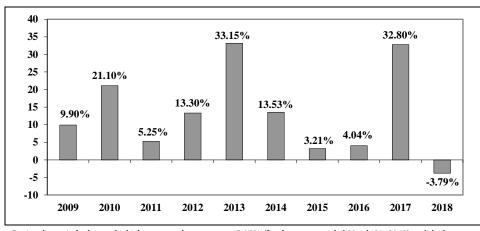
An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance**: The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years

compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown

# **Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31**



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 15.08% (for the quarter ended March 31, 2012) and the lowest quarterly return was -15.78% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Select Growth Fund	-3.79%	9.27%	12.65%
Russell 1000 Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)*	-1.51%	10.40%	15.29%
Russell 3000 Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees,	-2.12%	9.99%	15.15%
expenses or taxes)			

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund changed its primary broad-based index to the Russell 1000 Growth Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflects the Fund's investment strategies.

Investment Adviser: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Smith Asset Management Group, L.P. ("Smith") serves as subadviser of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund is managed primarily by a team of investment professionals at Smith, which includes the following: Stephen S. Smith, CFA, Chief Executive Officer and Investment Committee Chair; John D. Brim, CFA, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager; and Eivind Olsen, CFA, Portfolio Manager. Each investment professional has served as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2007, except for Mr. Olsen, who has served as a Portfolio Manager since 2009.

Other Important Information About The Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

# SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.05%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.80%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Special Situations Fund	\$82	\$255	\$444	\$990

**Portfolio Turnover**: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund

operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 54% of the average value of its portfolio. Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of small-size companies that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued, and generally invests in companies that are experiencing a "special situation" that the Fund's adviser believes makes them undervalued relative to their long-term potential. Developments creating special situations may include mergers, spin-offs, litigation resolution, new products, or management changes. The Fund may invest in stocks of mid-size or large companies. The Fund also may invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to gain exposure to stocks and in real estate investment trusts ("REITs").

The Fund uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. The Fund uses fundamental research to search for companies that have one or more of the following: a strong balance sheet; experienced management; above-average earnings growth potential; and stocks that are attractively priced.

The Fund may sell a stock if it becomes fully valued, it appreciates in value to the point that it is no longer a small-size company stock, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the

Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

REIT Risk. In addition to the risks associated with the real estate industry, which include declines in the real estate market, decreases in property revenues and increases in property taxes and operating expenses, REITs are subject to additional risks, including those related to adverse governmental actions. declines in property value, and the potential failure to qualify for federal tax-free "passthrough" of distributed net income and net realized gains and exemption from registration as an investment company. REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills and may invest in relatively few properties, a small geographic area or a small number of property types. As a result, investments in REITs may be volatile. REITs are pooled investment vehicles with their own fees and expenses, and the Fund will indirectly bear a proportionate share of those fees and expenses.

Sector Risk. The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

Small-Size and Mid-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of small- and mid-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of small- and mid-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell small- to-mid size company stocks at reasonable prices.

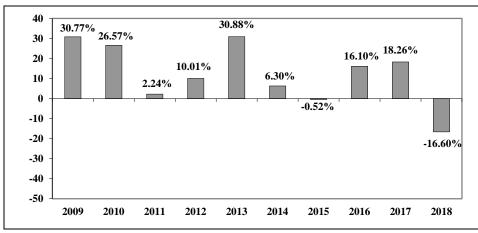
*Undervalued Securities Risk.* The Fund seeks to invest in stocks that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these developments do not occur, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. In addition, prior to September 23, 2013, the Fund was managed by a subadviser.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 17.19% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -18.59% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Special Situations Fund	-16.60%	3.90%	11.43%
MSCI USA Small Cap Value Index (reflects no deduction for	-13.35%	4.82%	12.85%
fees, expenses or taxes)*			
Russell 2000 Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees,	-12.86%	3.61%	10.40%
expenses or taxes)			

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund changed its primary broad-based securities index to the MSCI USA Small Cap Value Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflects the Fund's investment strategies.

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.

**Portfolio Manager:** The Fund is managed primarily by Steven S. Hill, Senior Portfolio Manager, who has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2013. Thomas Alonso has served as Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2019.

# Other Important Information About The

**Fund:** For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

# TOTAL RETURN FUND

**Investment Objective**: The Fund seeks high, long-term total investment return consistent with moderate investment risk.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**: This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A
(as a percentage of offering price)	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of	N/A
purchase price or redemption price)	

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	ı
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.16%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.91%

# Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Total Return Fund	\$93	\$290	\$504	\$1,120

Portfolio Turnover: The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 68% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies**: The Fund allocates its assets among stocks, bonds and money market instruments. While the percentage of assets allocated to each asset class is flexible rather than fixed, the Fund normally invests at least 50% of its net assets in stocks and at least 30% in bonds, cash and money market instruments. Derivatives are included for the purposes of these allocations.

In connection with the determination of the Fund's allocation ranges, Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("Adviser") considers various factors, including existing and projected market conditions for equity and fixed income securities. Once the asset allocation for bonds, stocks and money market instruments has been set, the Adviser uses fundamental research and analysis to determine which particular investments to purchase or sell. The percentage allocations within the above ranges are actively monitored by the Fund's portfolio managers and may change due to, among other things, market fluctuations or reallocation decisions by the portfolio managers. Reallocations outside of the above ranges are expected to occur infrequently.

The Fund's investments in stocks are normally diversified among common stocks of large-, mid- and small-size companies that offer the potential for capital growth, current income, or both. In selecting stocks, the Adviser considers, among other things, the issuer's financial strength, management, earnings growth potential and history (if any) of paying dividends.

The Fund's investments in bonds are primarily diversified among different types of bonds and other debt securities, including corporate bonds, U.S. Government securities, U.S. government sponsored enterprise securities, which may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, and mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. The Adviser selects bonds by first considering the outlook for the economy and interest rates, and thereafter, a particular security's characteristics. The Adviser may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated, alternative investments become more attractive or if it is necessary to rebalance the portfolio.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high vield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co, Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadviser to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. Muzinich will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, but relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. In managing its portion of the Fund, Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations.

In addition, the Adviser may also invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that could expose the Fund to high yield securities.

The Fund may also invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

**Principal Risks**: You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment

objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Allocation Risk. The Fund may allocate assets to investment classes that underperform other classes. For example, the Fund may be overweighted in stocks when the stock market is falling and the bond market is rising.

Credit Risk. A debt issuer may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer and, in the case of mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing entity.

Derivatives Risk. Investments in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates involve risks, such as potential losses if interest rates do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. Investments in derivatives can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price and may expose it to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind, or value.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. The risks of investing in an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the ETF invests. In addition, because ETFs are investment companies, the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

High Yield Securities Risk. High yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") have greater credit risk than higher quality debt securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong. High yield securities are inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. During times of economic stress, high yield securities

issuers may be unable to access credit to refinance their bonds or meet their credit obligations.

Interest Rate Risk. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Securities with longer maturities and durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Market Risk. Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Similarly, bond prices fluctuate in value with changes in interest rates, the economy and circumstances directly involving issuers. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions. Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price when the Fund requires liquidity to make redemptions.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk. The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

Prepayment and Extension Risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Conversely, when interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly, which will generally

increase both the Fund's sensitivity to rising interest rates and its potential for price declines.

Security Selection Risk. Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

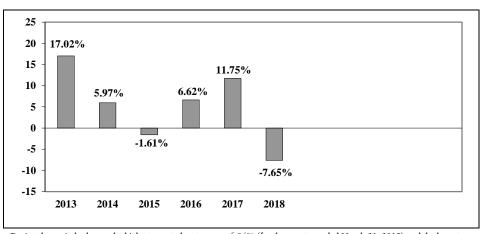
An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance**: The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's

average annual returns for the 1-year, 5-year and Life of Fund periods compare to those of an index that is a broad measure of market performance for equity securities and an index that is a broad measure of market performance for fixed-income securities. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Prior to May 1, 2018, Muzinich did not serve as a subadviser to the Fund.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

# **Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31**



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 6.04% (for the quarter ended March 31, 2013) and the lowest quarterly return was -8.69% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2018).

Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	Life of Fund
Total Return Fund (Inception Date: 12/17/12)	-7.65%	2.78%	4.87%
S&P 500 Index	-4.38%	8.49%	12.02%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			
ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate, Government & Mortgage Index	0.00%	2.61%	1.79%
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			

**Investment Adviser**: Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO") is the Fund's investment adviser and Muzinich serves as the subadviser to a portion of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers: The Fund assets managed by FIMCO are managed primarily by Sean Reidy, Director of Equities, and Rajeev Sharma, Director of Fixed Income. Mr. Reidy has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2018 and Mr. Sharma has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2017. The portion of the Fund managed by Muzinich is managed primarily by Clinton Comeaux and Bryan Petermann, Portfolio Managers of the Fund since 2018.

# Other Important Information About The Fund: For important information about the Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Tax Information and Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries, please refer to the section "Other Important Information" on page 50 of this prospectus.

# **Other Important Information**

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:

Investments in the Funds can only be made through a purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy for which the Funds are an investment option. You may wish to contact the issuing insurance company and/or refer to the applicable contract or policy prospectus for information on how to purchase and sell shares of the Funds.

Tax Information: Each Fund currently sells its shares only to participating insurance companies for allocation to their separate accounts. Accordingly, you generally will not be subject to federal income tax as the result of purchases or redemptions or exchanges of Fund shares, Fund dividends, or other distributions by the Funds. However, there may be tax consequences associated with investing in the variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies. For information concerning federal income tax consequences for accountholders of such contracts or policies, accountholders should consult with the issuing insurance company and refer to the applicable contract or policy prospectus.

Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries: The Funds and their related companies may make payments to an issuing insurance company, its affiliates, or other financial intermediaries for distribution and/or other services. These payments may be a factor that an insurance company considers in including the Funds as underlying investment options for a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing your financial representative or the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend a First Investors Fund over another investment. You may contact your financial representative or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website for more information.

# THE FUNDS IN GREATER DETAIL

This section describes the First Investors Life Series Funds in more detail. Each individual Fund description in this section provides more information about the Fund's investment objectives, principal investment strategies and principal risks. These Funds are used solely as the underlying investment options for variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Funds directly, but only through such a contract or policy. The Fund or Funds that are available to you depend upon which contract or policy you have purchased.

The investment objective of each Fund is non-fundamental, which means that the Board of Trustees may change the investment objective of each Fund without shareholder approval. The Board may take such action upon the recommendation of the Funds' investment adviser when the adviser believes that a change in the objective is necessary or appropriate in light of market circumstances or other events.

# **COVERED CALL STRATEGY FUND**

# What are the Covered Call Strategy Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund invests in a portfolio of equity securities and writes (sells) call options on those securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund writes (sells) call options on at least 80% of the Fund's total assets. The 80% policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval, but the Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice before changing this 80% policy. The Fund normally writes (sells) covered call options listed on U.S. exchanges on the equity securities held by the Fund to seek to lower the overall volatility of the Fund's portfolio. protect the Fund from market declines and generate income. Call options written (sold) by the Fund generally have an exercise price above the market price of the underlying security at the time the option is written (sold).

The Fund's equity investments consist primarily of common stocks of large-size U.S. companies, certain of which may pay dividends, and U.S. dollar-denominated equity securities of foreign issuers (i.e., American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs")), traded on a U.S. securities exchange. ADRs are receipts typically issued in connection with a U.S. or foreign bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a non-U.S. company. To a lesser extent, the Fund may also invest in and write (sell) covered call options on securities of mid- and small-capitalization issuers and exchangetraded funds ("ETFs") that track certain market indices, such as the S&P 500. The

nature of the Fund is such that it may be expected to underperform equity markets during periods of sharply rising equity prices; conversely, the Fund seeks to reduce losses relative to equity markets during periods of declining equity prices.

A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period. Covered call options may be sold up to the number of shares of the equity securities held by the Fund. The premium paid to the writer is consideration for undertaking the obligations under the option contract. The writer of a covered call option forgoes all or a portion of the potential profit from an increase in the market price of the underlying security above the exercise price in exchange for the benefit of receiving the option premiums which potentially provide some protection against the loss of capital if the underlying security declines in price. The Fund receives premium income from the writing of options.

In making investment decisions, the Fund's subadviser reviews a variety of factors, including economic data, Federal Reserve policy, fiscal policy, inflation and interest rates, commodity pricing, sector, industry and security issues, regulatory factors and street research to appraise economic and market cycles.

In selecting investments, the Fund's subadviser considers the following, among other criteria: a) companies in an industry with a large market share or significant revenues that fit the Fund's investment strategy; b) companies with new products or new management to replace underperforming management; c) recent or anticipated fundamental improvements in industry environment; and d) companies that are out of favor. Covered call options written by the Fund are designed to create income, lower the overall volatility of the Fund's portfolio and mitigate the impact of market declines. The Fund's subadviser considers several factors when writing (selling) call options, including the overall equity market outlook, sector and/or industry attractiveness, individual security considerations, and relative and/or historical levels of option premiums.

The Fund may sell a security based on the following, among other criteria: a) an actual or anticipated significant decline in the issuer's profitability such as through the loss of an exclusive patent or a strong competitor entering the market and/or a significant negative outlook from management; b) a large appreciation in the stock price leads to overvaluation relative to itself and its peers historically; c) significant management turnover at the senior level; or d) an actual or expected decline in demand for the issuer's products or services. The subadviser writes call options based upon the subadviser's outlook on the economy and stock market and analysis of individual stocks, which can impact the exercise price and expiration of a call option. Generally, higher implied volatility will lead to longer expirations, locking in the potentially higher call premiums, whereas lower implied volatility will tend to lead to shorter dated options. The writing of covered call options may result in frequent trading and a high portfolio turnover rate. Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the information technology sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information about the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

#### American Depositary Receipts Risk:

ADRs may involve many of the same risks as direct investments in foreign securities, including currency exchange fluctuations, less liquidity and more volatility, differences in accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and governmental regulations, and the potential for political and economic instability. ADRs are depositary receipts for foreign securities denominated in U.S. dollars and traded on U.S. securities markets. These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the underlying foreign securities. Designed for use in U.S. securities markets, ADRs are alternatives to the purchase of the underlying securities in their national markets and currencies. The securities underlying depositary receipts may trade on foreign exchanges at times when U.S. markets

are not open for trading and the value of depositary receipts may not track the price of the underlying securities.

#### Call Options Risk:

Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. The income received from writing call options may not be sufficient to offset one or more of the foregoing possibilities. In addition, the Fund's ability to sell its equity securities typically will be limited during the term of an option, unless the Fund unwinds or offsets the option, which may be difficult to do. The prices of options can be highly volatile and exchanges may suspend options trading, during which time the Fund may be unable to write or unwind options. The Fund's ability to write covered call options will be limited by the number of shares of equity securities it holds.

#### Dividend Risk:

At times, the Fund may not be able to identify dividend-paying stocks that are attractive investments. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay. Depending upon market conditions, the Fund may not have sufficient income to pay its shareholders regular dividends. The inability of an issuer to pay dividends may adversely impact the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

## Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a

discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

High Portfolio Turnover and Frequent Trading Risk:

Portfolio turnover is a measure of the Fund's trading activity over a one-year period. High portfolio turnover could increase the Fund's transaction costs and have a negative impact on performance.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent. The Fund's covered call strategy may be expected to underperform the equity markets during times of rapidly rising equity security prices.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of midand small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings.

Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

#### Sector Risk:

Issuers that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the securities of issuers in a particular sector of the market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. While pursuing its investment strategy, the Fund may be significantly invested in the information technology sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as intense competition, both domestically and internationally, which may have an adverse effect on their profit margins, and government regulation. Like other technology companies, information technology companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The products of information technology companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments, frequent new product introduction, unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel. Companies in the information technology sector are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies.

#### Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations, which may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions

regarding the issuer. Declines in certain stocks could detract from the Fund's returns even when the broad market is flat or increasing and the Fund's call option writing strategy may make it difficult for the Fund to dispose of underperforming securities.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

# **EQUITY INCOME FUND**

# What are the Equity Income Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks total return.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, primarily in dividend-paying stocks of companies that the Fund believes are undervalued in the market relative to their long term potential. The Fund may also invest in stocks of companies of any size that do not pay dividends, but have the potential of paying dividends in the future if they appear to be undervalued.

The Fund may also write (sell) covered call options on securities it holds in order to generate income. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period.

In selecting stocks, the Fund typically begins by identifying companies that pay dividends. The Fund then analyzes companies that appear to be undervalued. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in equities. For purposes of this 80% policy, equities may include common stock, preferred stock, equity-based exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") and instruments that are convertible into common stock, or other instruments that represent an equity position in an issuer. The 80% policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval, but the Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice before changing this 80% policy. The Fund generally uses a "bottom-up"

approach to selecting investments. This means that the Fund generally identifies potential investments through fundamental research and analysis which includes, among other things, analyzing a company's balance sheet, cash flow statements and competition within a company's industry.

The Fund assesses whether management is implementing a reasonable corporate strategy and is operating in the interests of shareholders. Other considerations include analysis of economic trends, interest rates and industry diversification.

The Fund normally will diversify its assets among dividend-paying stocks of large-, mid- and small-size companies. Market capitalization is not an initial factor during the security selection process, but it is considered in assembling the total portfolio.

The Fund may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investment opportunities become more attractive.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies

and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

#### Call Options Risk:

Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. The income received from writing call options may not be sufficient to offset a decline in the value of a Fund asset. In addition, the Fund's ability to sell its equity securities typically will be limited during the term of an option, unless the Fund unwinds or offsets the option, which may be difficult to do. The prices of options can be highly volatile and exchanges may suspend options trading, during which time the Fund may be unable to write or unwind options. The Fund's ability to write covered call options will be limited by the number of shares of equity securities it holds.

#### Dividend Risk:

At times, the Fund may not be able to identify dividend-paying stocks that are attractive investments. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay.

Depending upon market conditions, the Fund may not have sufficient income to pay its shareholders regular dividends. The inability of an issuer to pay dividends may adversely impact the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets.

Depending upon market conditions, the income from dividend-paying stocks and other investments may not be sufficient to provide a cushion against general market downturns.

In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

## Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be

difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to-small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

# Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

#### **Undervalued Securities Risk:**

The Fund seeks to invest in securities that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these events do not occur, are delayed or investor perceptions about the securities do not improve, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall. Moreover, value securities may fall out of favor with investors and decline in price as a class.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

# **FUND FOR INCOME**

# What are the Fund For Income's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks high current income.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund primarily invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). High yield bonds include both bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings as well as unrated bonds that are determined by the Fund to be of equivalent quality. High yield bonds generally provide higher income than investment grade bonds to compensate investors for their higher risk of default (i.e., failure to make required interest or principal payments). High yield bond issuers include small or relatively new companies lacking the history or capital to merit investment grade status, former blue chip companies downgraded because of financial problems, special purpose entities that are used to finance capital investment, sales or leases of equipment, loans or other programs and firms with heavy debt loads. High yield securities may be backed by receivables or other assets. The Fund may also invest in other high yield debt securities, such as assignments of syndicated bank loans (also known as "floating rate loans").

The Fund seeks to reduce the risk of a default by selecting bonds through careful credit research and analysis. The Fund seeks to reduce the impact of a potential default by diversifying its investments among bonds of many different companies and industries. The Fund attempts to invest in bonds that have stable to improving credit quality and potential for capital appreciation because of a credit rating upgrade or an improvement in the outlook for a particular company, industry or the economy as a whole.

Although the Fund will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, it relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. The Fund considers a variety of factors, including the overall economic outlook, the issuer's competitive position, the outlook of its industry, its managerial strength, anticipated cash flow, debt maturity schedules, borrowing requirements, interest or dividend coverage, asset coverage and earnings prospects. The Fund may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. It may also decide to continue to hold a bond (or related securities, such as stocks or warrants) after its issuer defaults or is subject to a bankruptcy.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

## Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

#### Credit Risk:

This is the risk that an issuer of bonds and other debt securities, including syndicated loans, will be unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of bonds and other debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer. Changes in the financial condition of an issuer, general economic conditions and specific economic conditions that affect a particular type of issuer can impact the credit quality of an issuer. Such changes may weaken an issuer's ability to make payments of principal or interest or cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of interest or principal. While credit ratings may be available to assist in evaluating an issuer's credit quality, they may not accurately predict an issuer's ability to make timely payment of principal and interest.

#### Floating Rate Loan Risk:

The value of any collateral securing a floating rate loan may decline, be insufficient to meet the obligations of the borrower, or be difficult or costly to liquidate. In the event of a default, it may be difficult to collect on any collateral, it would not be possible to collect on any collateral for an uncollateralized loan, and the value of a floating rate loan can decline significantly. Access to collateral may also be limited by bankruptcy or other insolvency laws. If a floating rate loan is acquired through an assignment, the acquirer may not be able to unilaterally enforce all rights and remedies under the loan and with regard to the associated collateral.

Although senior loans may be senior to equity and other debt securities in the borrower's

capital structure, the loans may be subordinated to other obligations of the borrower or its subsidiaries. Difficulty in selling a floating rate loan can result in a loss. Loans trade in an over-the-counter market, and confirmation and settlement may take significantly longer than 7 days to complete. Extended trade settlement periods may present a risk regarding the Fund's ability to timely honor redemptions. Due to the lack of a regular trading market for loans, loans are subject to irregular trading activity and wide bid/ask spreads and may be difficult to value.

High yield floating rate loans, like high-yield debt securities, or junk bonds, usually are more credit sensitive although the value of these instruments may be affected by interest rate swings in the overall fixed income market. Generally, there is less readily available, reliable public information about the loans. Therefore, the Fund may be required to rely on its own evaluation and judgment of a borrower's credit quality in addition to any available independent sources to value loans. Floating rate loans may not be considered "securities" for certain purposes of the federal securities laws and purchasers therefore may not be entitled to rely on the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws.

# High Yield Securities Risk:

High yield bonds and other types of high yield securities, including floating rate loans, have greater credit risk than higher quality securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong as issuers with investment grade ratings. High yield securities, commonly referred to as junk bonds, are considered to be inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Lower quality securities generally tend to be more sensitive to changes in the actual or perceived financial condition of an issuer and economic conditions than higher quality securities. During times of economic stress, issuers of high yield securities may not have the ability to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit

obligations. Investments in high yield securities may be volatile.

# Interest Rate Risk:

The market values of high yield bonds and other debt securities are affected by changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, perhaps significantly and/or rapidly, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Generally, the longer the maturity and duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to interest rates. Duration is a measure of a debt security's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a debt security's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of debt securities has an average weighted duration of three years, its value can be expected to fall about 3% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 3% if interest rates fall by 1%.

The interest rates on floating rate securities adjust periodically and may not correlate to prevailing interest rates during the periods between rate adjustments. Therefore, floating rate securities could remain sensitive over the short-term to interest rate changes. Floating rate securities with longer interest rate reset periods generally will experience greater fluctuations in value as a result of changes in market interest rates. The impact of interest rate changes on the Fund's yield will also be affected by whether, and the extent to which, the floating rate loans in the Fund's portfolio are subject to floors on the LIBOR base rate on which interest is calculated for such loans (a "LIBOR floor"). So long as the base rate for a loan remains under the LIBOR floor, changes in short-term interest rates generally will not affect the yield on such loans. The yields

received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline.

#### Liquidity Risk:

The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. As a result, the Fund may have to lower the price on certain investments that it is trying to sell, sell the investments at a loss, sell other investments instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could adversely affect the Fund. The Fund could lose money or face difficulty in meeting shareholder redemptions if it cannot sell an investment at the time and price that would be beneficial to the Fund. Less liquid securities typically are harder to value. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund.

Floating rate loans generally are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, may trade infrequently and their value may be impaired when the Fund needs to liquidate these loans. High yield securities tend to be less liquid than higher quality securities, particularly if there is a deterioration in the economy or in the financial prospects of their issuers. Assignments of bank loans and bonds also may be less liquid, because of potential delays in the settlement process or restrictions on resale.

#### Market Risk:

The entire high yield bond market can experience sharp price swings due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market volatility, large sustained sales of high yield bonds by major investors, high-profile defaults or the market's psychology. This degree of volatility in the high yield market is usually associated more with stocks than bonds. The prices of high yield bonds and other high yield debt

securities held by the Fund could decline not only due to a deterioration in the financial condition of the issuers of such bonds, but also due to overall movements in the high vield market. Markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. The ability of broker-dealers to make a market in debt securities has decreased in recent years, in part as a result of structural changes, including fewer proprietary trading desks at broker-dealers and increased regulatory capital requirements. Further, many broker-dealers have reduced their inventory of certain debt securities. This could negatively affect the Fund's ability to buy or sell debt securities, and increase their volatility and trading costs. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions. which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or experience difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

# Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

# **GOVERNMENT CASH MANAGEMENT FUND**

# What are the Government Cash Management Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks to earn a high rate of current income consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund intends to operate as a "government money market fund" as such term is defined in Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"). The Fund will invest at least 99.5% of its total assets in (i) U.S. government securities: (ii) cash: and/or (iii) repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by cash and/or U.S. government securities. In addition, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including any borrowings for investment purposes, in U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements collateralized fully by cash or U.S. government securities. The 80% policy is nonfundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval, but the Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice before changing this 80% policy. U.S. government securities include: U.S. Treasury bills and notes; other obligations that are issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including securities that are issued by entities chartered by Congress but whose securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, including the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), Federal Home Loan Banks and Federal Farm Credit Banks; and obligations that are issued by issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including the Government National Mortgage Association. The Fund may invest in fixed, variable and floating rate instruments.

The Fund invests only in securities that comply with the quality, maturity, liquidity, diversification and other requirements applicable to a "government money market fund" under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. The Fund will invest only in securities that have remaining maturities of 397 days or less or securities otherwise permitted to be purchased because of maturity shortening provisions under applicable regulations. The dollarweighted average portfolio maturity and dollar-weighted average portfolio life of the Fund will not exceed 60 and 120 days, respectively. The Fund uses the amortized cost method of valuation to seek to maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value per share price.

The Fund will only purchase securities that have been determined to present minimal credit risk. In making such a determination, the Fund may consider the credit ratings assigned to securities by ratings services. If, after purchase, the credit quality of an investment deteriorates, the Fund's investment adviser or, where required by applicable law and regulations, the Fund's Board of Trustees, will decide whether the investment should be held or sold. All portfolio instruments purchased by the Fund will be denominated in U.S. dollars.

"Government money market funds" are exempt from requirements that permit money market funds to impose a liquidity fee and/or temporary redemption gates. While the Fund's Board of Trustees may elect to subject the Fund to liquidity fee and gate requirements in

the future, it has not elected to do so at this time and currently has no intention of doing so.

Information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

Any investment carries with it some level of risk. Although the Fund tries to maintain a \$1.00 net asset value share price, it cannot guarantee it will do so. It is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide support to the Fund at any time. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

#### Credit Risk:

This is the risk that an issuer of a security will be unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The value of a security will decline if there is a default by or a deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer or a provider of a credit enhancement or demand feature. This could cause the Fund's NAV to decline below \$1.00 per share.

Credit risk also applies to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. The securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or corporation. For example, securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not backed by the full faith

and credit of the U.S. Government. A security backed by the U.S. Government or the full faith and credit of the United States is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

Although the U.S. Treasury has supported Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the past, there is no guarantee it would do so again.

Congress may alter the activities or operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which could negatively impact the credit risk associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities.

#### Interest Rate Risk:

The Fund's NAV could decline below \$1.00 per share because of a change in interest rates. Like the values of other debt instruments, the market values of U.S. government securities are affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the market values of U.S. government securities generally decline; and when interest rates decline, the market values of U.S. government securities generally increase. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, perhaps significantly and/or rapidly, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. The price volatility of U.S. government securities also depends on their maturities and durations. Generally, the longer the maturity and duration of a U.S. government security, the greater its sensitivity to interest rates. Duration is a measure of a debt security's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a debt security's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of debt securities has an average weighted duration of three years, its value can be expected to fall about 3% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 3% if interest rates fall by 1%. The interest rates on floating and variable rate securities adjust periodically and may not correlate to

prevailing interest rates during the periods between rate adjustments, meaning that they could remain sensitive over the short-term to interest rate changes. Floating and variable rate securities with longer interest rate reset periods generally will experience greater fluctuation in value as a result of changes in market interest rates. The impact of interest rate changes on the Fund's yield will also be affected by whether, and the extent to which, the floating and variable rate securities are subject to interest rate floors.

#### Liquidity Risk:

The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. As a result, the Fund may have to lower the price on certain investments that it is trying to sell, sell the investments at a loss, sell other investments instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could adversely affect the Fund. The Fund could lose money or face difficulty in meeting shareholder redemptions if it cannot sell an investment at the time and price that would be beneficial to the Fund. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to maintain a \$1.00 share price.

#### Market Risk:

The prices of securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political regulatory developments, changes in investor sentiment, economic instability and interest rate fluctuations. These events may lead to periods of volatility, which may be exacerbated by changes in debt market size and structure. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by

shareholders or cause the Fund's NAV to decline below \$1.00 per share. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

Supply issues within the U.S. Treasury securities market could arise as demand increases for U.S. government securities.

#### Repurchase Agreement Risk:

A repurchase agreement is a transaction in which the Fund purchases securities or other obligations from a bank or securities dealer (or its affiliate) and simultaneously commits to resell them to a counterparty at an agreedupon date or upon demand and at a price reflecting a market rate of interest unrelated to the coupon rate or maturity of the purchased obligations. The difference between the original purchase price and the repurchase price is normally based on prevailing shortterm interest rates. The use of repurchase agreements involves credit risk and counterparty risk. If the seller in a repurchase agreement transaction defaults on its obligation to repurchase a security at a mutually agreed-upon time and price under the agreement, the Fund may suffer delays, incur costs and lose money in exercising its rights under the agreement.

In the event of default by a seller under a repurchase agreement collateralized loan, the underlying securities would not be owned by the Fund, but would only constitute collateral for the seller's obligation to pay the repurchase price.

#### Yield Risk:

The yields received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline. The Fund's adviser previously voluntarily waived advisory fees and reimbursed expenses to prevent a negative net yield for the Fund. The Fund's adviser is under no obligation to continue doing so and the Fund's yield may fall below zero.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund.

# **GROWTH & INCOME FUND**

# What are the Growth & Income Fund's objectives, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objectives:

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital and current income.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund primarily invests in common stocks that offer the potential for capital growth, current income or both. The Fund primarily invests in large-size companies and may invest in small- and mid- size companies as well. Some of the companies the Fund invests in may pay dividends, however not all will.

The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on the securities it holds to generate income. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period.

The Fund generally uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. This means that the Fund generally identifies potential investments through fundamental research and analysis and thereafter focuses on other issues, such as economic trends, interest rates, industry diversification and market capitalization. In deciding whether to buy or sell securities, the Fund considers, among other things, an issuer's financial strength, management, earnings growth or potential earnings growth and the issuer's valuation relative to its fundamentals and peers.

The Fund may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, is no longer attractively valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with

the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objectives. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

## Call Options Risk:

Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing call options, the Fund will lose money if the exercise price of an option is below the market price of the asset on which an option

was written and the premium received by the Fund for writing the option is insufficient to make up for that loss. The Fund will also give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset and may be obligated to deliver assets underlying an option at less than the market price. The income received from writing call options may not be sufficient to offset a decline in the value of a Fund asset. In addition, the Fund's ability to sell its equity securities typically will be limited during the term of an option, unless the Fund unwinds or offsets the option, which may be difficult to do. The prices of options can be highly volatile and exchanges may suspend options trading, during which time the Fund may be unable to write options. The Fund's ability to write or unwind covered call options will be limited by the number of shares of equity securities it holds.

## Dividend Risk:

At times, the Fund may not be able to identify dividend-paying stocks that are attractive investments. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay. Depending upon market conditions, the Fund may not have sufficient income to pay its shareholders regular dividends. The inability of an issuer to pay dividends may adversely impact the Fund's ability to pay dividends and achieve its investment objective, and its share price.

### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which

could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

Depending upon market conditions, the income from dividend-paying stocks and other investments may not be sufficient to provide a cushion against general market downturns. The Fund's investments in potential growth opportunities may increase the potential volatility of its share price.

# Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to-small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

## Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

## **Undervalued Securities Risk:**

The Fund seeks to invest in securities that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor

perceptions. If these events do not occur, are delayed or investor perceptions about the securities do not improve, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall. Moreover, value securities may fall out of favor with investors and decline in price as a class.

# INTERNATIONAL FUND

# What are the International Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund primarily seeks long-term capital growth.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of common stocks and other equity securities of companies that are located outside of the United States. To a limited degree, the Fund may also invest in companies based in the United States. The Fund primarily relies on the country where the issuer is incorporated, is headquartered or has its principal place of business in determining the location of an issuer. The Fund may consider a company to be located in a particular country even if it is not domiciled in, or have its principal place of business in, that country if at least 50% of its assets are in, or it expects to derive at least 50% of its total revenue or profits from, goods or services produced in or sales made in that country.

The Fund typically invests in the securities of medium to large size companies, but will also invest in smaller companies. The Fund's holdings may be limited to the securities of 40 to 60 different issuers. The Fund may invest significantly in emerging or developing markets such as India and Brazil, and the Fund may focus its investments in companies located in or tied economically to particular countries or regions.

The subadviser selects investments for the Fund generally by screening a universe of stocks that meet its "quality growth" criteria, which include high return on equity and low to moderate leverage, among others. The subadviser then further narrows that universe by using a bottom-up stock and business analysis approach. The subadviser makes its assessments by examining companies one at a

time, regardless of size, country of organization, place of principal business activity or other similar selection criteria.

The subadviser seeks to invest in companies whose businesses are highly profitable, have consistent operating histories and financial performance and enjoy possible long-term economic prospects. The subadviser's investment process also considers a company's intrinsic value relative to its earnings power and market price. The subadviser believes that investing in these securities at a price that is below their intrinsic worth may generate greater returns for the Fund than those obtained by paying premium prices for companies currently in market favor.

In determining which portfolio securities to sell, the subadviser focuses on the operating results of the companies, and not price quotations, to measure the potential success of an investment. In making sell decisions, the subadviser considers, among other things, whether a security's price target has been met, whether there has been an overvaluation of the issuer by the market, whether there has been a clear deterioration of future earnings power and whether, in the subadviser's opinion, there has been a loss of long-term competitive advantage.

The Fund may enter into spot currency trades (i.e., for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the foreign currency market) in connection with the settlement of transactions in securities traded in foreign currency. Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment

strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the consumer staples sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

## **Emerging Markets Risk:**

The risks of investing in foreign securities are heightened when investing in emerging or developing markets. The economies and political environments of emerging or developing countries tend to be more unstable than those of developed countries, resulting in more volatile rates of returns than the developed markets and substantially greater risk to investors. There are also risks of: an emerging market country's dependence on revenues from particular commodities or on international aid or development assistance; currency transfer restrictions; a limited number of potential buyers for such securities;

and delays and disruptions in securities settlement procedures. In addition, there may be less information available regarding emerging market securities to make investment decisions.

## Focused Portfolio Risk:

The Fund's assets may be invested in a limited number of issuers. This means that the Fund's performance may be substantially impacted by the change in value of even a single holding and may be more volatile than other funds whose portfolios may maintain a larger number of securities. The price of a share of the Fund can therefore be expected to fluctuate more than a fund that invests in substantially more companies. Moreover, the Fund's share price may decline even when the overall market is increasing.

# Foreign Securities Risk:

There are special risk factors associated with investing in foreign securities. Some of these factors are also present when investing in the United States but are heightened when investing in non-U.S. markets, especially in smaller, less-developed or emerging markets. For example, fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may have a negative impact on investments denominated in foreign currencies by eroding or reversing gains or widening losses from those investments. The risks of investing in foreign securities also include potential political and economic instability, differing accounting and financial reporting standards or inability to obtain reliable financial information regarding a company's balance sheet and operations and less stringent regulation and supervision of foreign securities markets, custodians and securities depositories. Funds that invest in foreign securities are also subject to higher commission rates on portfolio transactions, potentially adverse changes in tax and exchange control laws and/or regulations and potential restrictions on the flow of international capital. Many foreign countries impose withholding taxes on income and

realized gains from investments in securities of issuers located in such countries, which the Fund may not recover. To the extent the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in securities of a single country or region at any time, it is more likely to be affected by events or conditions of that country or region. As a result, it may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified fund.

## Liquidity Risk:

The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. As a result, the Fund may have to lower the price on certain investments that it is trying to sell, sell the investments at a loss, sell other investments instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could adversely affect the Fund. The Fund could lose money or face difficulty in meeting shareholder redemptions if it cannot sell an investment at the time and price that would be beneficial to the Fund. Less liquid securities typically are harder to value. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund.

Liquidity risk is particularly acute in the case of foreign investments that are traded in smaller, less-developed or emerging markets and securities issued by issuers with smaller market capitalizations.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events

may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to-small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

### Sector Risk:

Companies that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the equity and debt securities of companies in a particular sector of the market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. The Fund may be significantly invested in the consumer staples sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the regulation of various product components and production methods, litigation, marketing campaigns and changes in the overall economy, consumer spending and consumer demand. Companies in the consumer staples sector may also be adversely affected by changes or trends in commodity prices, which may be influenced by unpredictable factors. These companies may

be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their profitability.

## Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# **INVESTMENT GRADE FUND**

# What are the Investment Grade Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks to generate a maximum level of income consistent with investment primarily in investment grade debt securities.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment grade debt securities. The 80% policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval, but the Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice before changing this 80% policy. The Fund defines investment grade debt securities as those that are rated within the four highest ratings categories by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or that are unrated but determined by the Fund's Adviser to be of equivalent quality. The Fund will not necessarily sell an investment if its rating is reduced.

The Fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds. The Fund may also invest in other investment grade securities, including securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises (some of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) and investment grade mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. The Fund attempts to stay broadly diversified, but it may emphasize certain industries based on the Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("Adviser") outlook for interest rates, economic forecasts and market conditions. In selecting investments, the Adviser considers, among other things, the issuer's earnings and cash flow generating capabilities, asset quality, debt levels, industry characteristics and management strength. The Adviser also

considers ratings assigned by ratings services in addition to its own research and investment analysis. The Adviser usually will sell a security when it shows deteriorating fundamentals, it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations, or a more attractive investment is available.

The Adviser may adjust the average weighted maturity of the securities in its portfolio based on its interest rate outlook. If it believes that interest rates are likely to fall, it may attempt to buy securities with longer maturities. By contrast, if it believes interest rates are likely to rise, it may attempt to buy securities with shorter maturities or sell securities with longer maturities.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co, Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadviser to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include both bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's or below BBB- by S&P as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. The Fund may also be exposed to high yield securities through the Adviser's investments in exchange traded funds ("ETFs").

High yield bonds generally provide higher income than investment grade bonds to compensate investors for their higher risk of default (i.e., failure to make required interest or principal payments). High yield securities may be backed by receivables or other assets.

Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. In addition, Muzinich may seek investments that have stable to improving credit quality and potential for capital appreciation because of a credit rating upgrade or an improvement in the outlook for a particular company, industry or the economy as a whole.

Although Muzinich will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, it relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. It may also decide to continue to hold a bond (or related securities, such as stocks or warrants) after its issuer defaults or is subject to a bankruptcy.

The Fund may invest in securities of any maturity or duration, but may adjust its average portfolio weighted duration or maturity in anticipation of interest rate changes. For example, if the Fund expects interest rates to increase, it may seek to reduce its average portfolio weighted duration and maturity. The Fund may also invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies

and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

## Credit Risk:

This is the risk that an issuer of bonds and other debt securities will be unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of bonds and other debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer and in the case of mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Changes in the financial condition of an issuer, general economic conditions and specific economic conditions that affect a particular type of issuer can impact the credit quality of an issuer. Such changes may weaken an issuer's ability to make payments of principal or interest, or cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of interest or principal. While credit ratings may be available to assist in evaluating an issuer's credit quality, they may not accurately predict an issuer's ability to make timely payments of principal and interest. During times of economic downturn, issuers of high vield debt securities may not have the ability to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations.

Credit risk also applies to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. The securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or corporation. For example, securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. A security backed by the U.S. Government or the full faith and credit of the United States is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

Although the U.S. Treasury has supported Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the past, there is no guarantee it would do so again. Congress may alter the activities or operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which could negatively impact the credit risk associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities.

### Derivatives Risk:

The use of derivatives involves specific risks, which can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price, create leverage and expose the Fund to significant additional costs and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used, including the risk that a counterparty to a transaction may default on its obligations. There may be an imperfect correlation between the price of a derivative and the market value of the securities held by the Fund or the price of the assets hedged or used for cover. These investment techniques may limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. In connection with certain transactions that may give rise to future payment obligations, including investments in derivatives, the Fund may be required to maintain a segregated amount of, or otherwise earmark, cash or liquid securities to cover the position or transaction. which cannot be sold while the position they are covering is outstanding, unless they are replaced with other assets of equal value. The use of derivatives for hedging purposes tends

to limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. Moreover, derivatives may be difficult or impossible to sell, unwind, or value in the absence of a secondary trading market. Certain aspects of the regulatory treatment of derivative instruments, including federal income tax, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations, or other legally binding authority.

Futures Contracts Risk. The prices of futures contracts and options on futures contracts can be highly volatile; using them can lower total return; and the potential loss from futures can exceed an initial investment in such contracts. When the Fund purchases or sells a futures contract, it is subject to daily variation margin calls that could be substantial. If the Fund has insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it might need to sell securities at a time when such sales are disadvantageous. The Fund could suffer a loss if the underlying instrument or index does not move as expected.

Options Risk. Options may be subject to counterparty risk and the risk that a purchaser could lose the purchase price of the option or be subject to initial and variation margin requirements, which may be substantial.

## **Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:**

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

# High Yield Securities Risk:

High yield bonds and other types of high yield securities have greater credit risk than higher quality securities because their issuers may not

be as financially strong as issuers with investment grade ratings. High vield securities, commonly referred to as junk bonds, are considered to be inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Lower quality securities generally tend to be more sensitive to changes in the actual or perceived financial condition of an issuer and economic conditions than higher quality securities. During times of economic stress, issuers of high yield securities may be unable to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations. Investments in high yield securities may be volatile.

#### Interest Rate Risk:

The market values of bonds and other debt securities are affected by changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, perhaps significantly and/or rapidly, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Generally, the longer the maturity and duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to interest rates. Duration is a measure of a debt security's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a bond's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of fixed income securities has an average weighted duration of three years, its value can be expected to fall about 3% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 3% if interest rates fall by 1%. The yields received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline.

# Liquidity Risk:

The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to

sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. As a result, the Fund may have to lower the price on certain investments that it is trying to sell, sell the investments at a loss, sell other investments instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could adversely affect the Fund. The Fund could lose money or face difficulty in meeting shareholder redemptions if it cannot sell an investment at the time and price that would be beneficial to the Fund. Less liquid securities typically are harder to value. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund.

High yield securities tend to be less liquid than higher quality securities, particularly if there is a deterioration in the economy or in the financial prospects of their issuers.

### Market Risk:

The prices of the securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. These events may lead to periods of volatility, which may be exacerbated by changes in bond market size and structure. There is also the possibility that the value of the Fund's investments in high yield securities will decline due to drops in the overall high yield bond market. Changes in the economic climate, investor perceptions and stock market volatility can cause the prices of the Fund's fixed-income and high vield investments to decline regardless of the conditions of the issuers held by the Fund. The ability of broker-dealers to make a market in debt securities has decreased in recent years, in part as a result of structural changes, including fewer proprietary trading desks at broker-dealers and increased regulatory capital requirements. Further, many brokerdealers have reduced their inventory of certain debt securities. This could negatively affect the Fund's ability to buy or sell debt securities, and increase their volatility and trading costs. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

## Prepayment and Extension Risk:

The Fund is subject to prepayment and extension risk since it invests in mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back these securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Extension risk is the flip side of prepayment risk. When interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly, which generally will increase the Fund's sensitivity to interest rates and its potential for price declines. impact of prepayments and extensions on the price of mortgage-backed or other assetbacked securities may be difficult to predict and may increase their price volatility.

## Sector Risk:

Issuers that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the securities of issuers in a particular sector of the market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of the Fund's shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital funds, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition. The impact of more stringent capital requirements and recent or future

regulation of any individual financial company, or of the financials sector as a whole, cannot be predicted. In recent years, cyber attacks and technology malfunctions and failures have become increasingly frequent in this sector and have caused significant losses to companies in this sector, which may negatively impact the Fund.

## Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# **LIMITED DURATION BOND FUND**

# What are the Limited Duration Bond Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks current income consistent with low volatility of principal.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment grade bonds. For purposes of this 80% policy, investment grade bonds also include other investment grade fixed-income securities. The 80% policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval, but the Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days notice before changing this 80% policy.

The Fund defines investment grade debt securities as those that are rated within the four highest ratings categories by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or that are unrated but determined by the Fund's Adviser to be of equivalent quality.

The Fund may invest in a variety of different types of investment grade securities, including corporate bonds, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises (some of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government), and mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. The Fund attempts to stay broadly diversified, but it may emphasize certain industries based on Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.'s ("Adviser") outlook for interest rates, economic forecasts and market conditions. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser considers, among other things, the issuer's earnings and cash flow generating capabilities. asset quality, debt levels, industry characteristics and management strength. The Adviser also considers ratings assigned by

ratings services in addition to its own research and investment analysis. The Adviser will not necessarily sell an investment if its rating is reduced. The Adviser usually will sell a security when it shows deteriorating fundamentals, it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations, or a more attractive investment is available.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co., Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadviser to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include both bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's or below BBB- by S&P as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. The Fund may also be exposed to high yield securities through the Adviser's investments in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs").

High yield bonds generally provide higher income than investment grade bonds to compensate investors for their higher risk of default (i.e., failure to make required interest or principal payments). High yield securities may be backed by receivables or other assets. Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. In addition, Muzinich may seek investments that have stable to improving credit quality and potential for capital appreciation because of a credit rating upgrade or an improvement in the outlook for a particular company, industry or the economy as a whole. Although Muzinich will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in

selecting high yield bonds, it relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. It may also decide to continue to hold a bond (or related securities, such as stocks or warrants) after its issuer defaults or is subject to a bankruptcy.

The Adviser seeks for the Fund to maintain an average weighted duration of between one and three years. Duration is a measure of a bond's or fixed income portfolio's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a bond's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of fixed income securities has an average weighted duration of two years, its value can be expected to fall about 2% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 2% if interest rates fall by 1%. As a result, prices of securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than prices of securities with shorter durations. Unlike maturity, which considers only the date on which the final repayment of principal will be made, duration takes account of interim payments made during the life of the security. Duration is typically not equal to maturity. The Adviser may adjust the Fund's average weighted duration based on its interest rate outlook. If it believes that interest rates are likely to fall, it may attempt to buy securities with longer maturities. By contrast, if it believes interest rates are likely to rise, it may attempt to buy securities with shorter maturities or sell securities with longer maturities.

The Fund may invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its

assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

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# Principal Risks:

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### Call Risk:

During periods of falling interest rates, an issuer of a callable bond held by the Fund may "call" or repay the security before its stated maturity. The Fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond's call price and the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income.

### Credit Risk:

This is the risk that an issuer of bonds and other debt securities will be unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of bonds and other debt securities are affected by the credit quality of

the issuer and in the case of mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Changes in the financial condition of an issuer, general economic conditions and specific economic conditions that affect a particular type of issuer can impact the credit quality of an issuer. Such changes may weaken an issuer's ability to make payments of principal or interest, or cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of interest or principal. Lower quality debt securities generally tend to be more sensitive to these changes than higher quality debt securities, but the lowest rated category of investment grade securities may have speculative characteristics as well. While credit ratings may be available to assist in evaluating an issuer's credit quality, they may not accurately predict an issuer's ability to make timely payment of principal and interest. During times of economic downturn, issuers of high yield debt securities may not have the ability to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations.

Credit risk also applies to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. The securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or corporation. For example, securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. A security backed by the U.S. Government or the full faith and credit of the United States is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

Although the U.S. Treasury has supported Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the past, there is no guarantee it would do so again. Congress may alter the activities or operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which could negatively impact the credit risk associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities.

## Derivatives Risk:

The use of derivatives involves specific risks, which can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price, create leverage and expose the Fund to significant additional costs and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used, including the risk that a counterparty to a transaction may default on its obligations. There may be an imperfect correlation between the price of a derivative and the market value of the securities held by the Fund or the price of the assets hedged or used for cover. These investment techniques may limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. In connection with certain transactions that may give rise to future payment obligations, including investments in derivatives, the Fund may be required to maintain a segregated amount of, or otherwise earmark, cash or liquid securities to cover the position or transaction, which cannot be sold while the position they are covering is outstanding, unless they are replaced with other assets of equal value. The use of derivatives for hedging purposes tends to limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. Moreover, derivatives may be difficult or impossible to sell, unwind, or value in the absence of a secondary trading market. Certain aspects of the regulatory treatment of derivative instruments, including federal income tax, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations, or other legally binding authority.

Futures Contracts Risk. The prices of futures contracts and options on futures contracts can be highly volatile; using them can lower total return; and the potential loss from futures can exceed an initial investment in such contracts. When the Fund purchases or sells a futures contract, it is subject to daily variation margin calls that could be substantial. If the Fund has

insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it might need to sell securities at a time when such sales are disadvantageous. The Fund could suffer a loss if the underlying instrument or index does not move as expected.

Options Risk. Options may be subject to counterparty risk and the risk that a purchaser could lose the purchase price of the option or be subject to initial and variation margin requirements, which may be substantial.

## **Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:**

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

# High Yield Securities Risk:

High yield bonds and other types of high yield securities have greater credit risk than higher quality securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong as issuers with investment grade ratings. High yield securities, commonly referred to as junk bonds, are considered to be inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Lower quality securities generally tend to be more sensitive to changes in the actual or perceived financial condition of an issuer and economic conditions than higher quality securities. During times of economic stress, issuers of high yield securities may be unable to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations. Investments in high yield securities may be volatile.

### Interest Rate Risk:

The market values of bonds and other debt securities are affected by changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, perhaps significantly and/or rapidly, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Generally, the longer the maturity and duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to interest rates. The yields received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline.

## Liquidity Risk:

The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. As a result, the Fund may have to lower the price on certain investments that it is trying to sell, sell the investments at a loss, sell other investments instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could adversely affect the Fund. The Fund could lose money or face difficulty in meeting shareholder redemptions if it cannot sell an investment at the time and price that would be beneficial to the Fund. Less liquid securities typically are harder to value. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund.

High yield securities tend to be less liquid than higher quality securities, particularly if there is a deterioration in the economy or in the financial prospects of their issuers.

### Market Risk:

The prices of the securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events,

such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. These events may lead to periods of volatility, which may be exacerbated by changes in bond market size and structure. The ability of broker-dealers to make a market in debt securities has decreased in recent years, in part as a result of structural changes, including fewer proprietary trading desks at broker-dealers and increased regulatory capital requirements. Further, many brokerdealers have reduced their inventory of certain debt securities. This could negatively affect the Fund's ability to buy or sell debt securities. and increase their volatility and trading costs.

There is also the possibility that the value of the Fund's investments in high yield securities will decline due to drops in the overall high yield bond market. Changes in the economic climate, investor perceptions and stock market volatility can cause the prices of the Fund's fixed-income and high yield investments to decline regardless of the conditions of the issuers held by the Fund.

Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

## Prepayment and Extension Risk:

The Fund is subject to prepayment and extension risk since it invests in mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back these securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Extension risk is the flip side of prepayment risk. When interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly, which generally will increase the Fund's sensitivity to interest rates and its potential for price declines. The impact of prepayments and extensions on the

price of mortgage-backed or other assetbacked securities may be difficult to predict and may increase their price volatility.

### Sector Risk:

Issuers that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the securities of issuers in a particular sector of the market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of the Fund's shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital funds, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition. The impact of more stringent capital requirements and recent or future regulation of any individual financial company, or of the financials sector as a whole, cannot be predicted. In recent years, cyber attacks and technology malfunctions and failures have become increasingly frequent in this sector and have caused significant losses to companies in this sector, which may negatively impact the Fund.

## Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# **OPPORTUNITY FUND**

# What are the Opportunity Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks long-term capital growth.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund invests primarily in mid- and small-size companies that the Fund's adviser believes offer strong growth opportunities. The Fund also may invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to gain exposure to such securities. The Fund may continue to hold stocks of mid- and small-size companies that grow into large companies and may also invest opportunistically in stocks of larger companies.

The Fund uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. The Fund uses fundamental research to search for companies that the Fund's adviser believes have one or more of the following: a strong balance sheet; experienced management; above-average earnings growth potential; and stocks that are attractively priced. The Fund attempts to stay broadly diversified, but it may emphasize certain industry sectors based upon economic and market conditions.

The Fund may sell a stock if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive. The Fund may also sell a stock if it grows into a large, well-established company, although it may also continue to hold such a stock irrespective of its size.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

## **Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:**

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to- small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

### Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# SELECT GROWTH FUND

# What are the Select Growth Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund invests in a portfolio of approximately 40-45 common stocks that the Fund's subadviser, Smith Asset Management Group, L.P. ("Smith"), believes offers the best potential for earnings growth with the lowest risk of negative earnings surprises. The Fund is managed by an investment team.

When selecting investments for the Fund, Smith employs quantitative and qualitative analysis to identify high quality companies that it believes have the ability to accelerate earnings growth and exceed investor expectations. The security selection process consists of three steps. Beginning with a universe of stocks that includes large-, midand small-size companies, Smith's investment team first conducts a series of risk control and valuation screens designed to eliminate those stocks that are highly volatile or are more likely to underperform the market. Smith considers four primary factors when conducting the risk control and valuation screens. Those factors are: valuation, financial quality, stock volatility and corporate governance.

Stocks that pass the initial screens are then evaluated using a proprietary methodology that attempts to identify stocks with the highest probability of producing an earnings growth rate that exceeds investor expectations. In other words, the investment team seeks to identify stocks that are well positioned to benefit from a positive earnings surprise. The process incorporates the following considerations: changes in Wall Street opinions, individual analysts' historical

accuracy, earnings quality analysis and corporate governance practices.

The screening steps produce a list of approximately 80-100 eligible companies that are subjected to traditional fundamental analysis to further understand each company's business prospects, earnings potential, strength of management and competitive positioning. The investment team uses the results of this analysis to construct a portfolio of approximately 40-45 stocks that are believed to have the best growth and risk characteristics.

Holdings in the portfolio become candidates for sale if the investment team identifies what they believe to be negative investment or performance characteristics. Reasons to sell a stock may include: a negative earnings forecast or report, valuation concerns, company officials' downward guidance on company performance or earnings or announcement of a buyout. When a stock is eliminated from the portfolio, it is generally replaced with the stock that the investment team considers to be the next best stock that has been identified by Smith's screening process. Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the information technology sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it

does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

### Focused Portfolio Risk:

Because the Fund generally invests in a limited portfolio of only 40 to 45 stocks, it may be more volatile and substantially impacted by the change in value of a single holding than other funds whose portfolios may contain a larger number of securities. The performance of any one of the Fund's stocks could significantly impact the Fund's performance.

### Growth Stock Risk:

The Fund's focus on growth stocks increases the potential volatility of its share price. Growth stocks are stocks of companies which are expected to increase their revenues or earnings at above average rates. If expectations are not met, the prices of these stocks may decline significantly.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles, with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

## Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to- small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

### Sector Risk:

Issuers that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the securities of issuers in a particular sector market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. The Fund may be significantly invested in the information technology sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as intense competition, both domestically and internationally, which may have an adverse effect on their profit margins, and

governmental regulation. Like other technology companies, information technology companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The products of information technology companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments, frequent new product introduction, unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel. Companies in the information technology sector are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies.

# Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# **SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND**

# What are the Special Situations Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of small-size companies that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued, and generally invests in companies that are experiencing a "special situation" that the Fund's adviser believes makes them undervalued relative to their longterm potential. Developments creating special situations may include mergers, spin-offs, litigation resolution, new products, or management changes. Although the Fund normally invests in stocks of smaller size companies, the Fund may also invest in stocks of mid-size or large companies. The Fund also may invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to gain exposure to stocks, and in real estate investment trusts ("REITs").

The Fund uses a "bottom-up" approach to selecting investments. The Fund uses fundamental research to search for companies that have one or more of the following: a strong balance sheet; experienced management; above-average earnings growth potential; and stocks that are attractively priced.

The Fund may sell a stock if it becomes fully valued, it appreciates in value to the point that it is no longer a small-size company stock, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investments become more attractive.

The Fund may, at times, engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher portfolio turnover, transaction costs and may result in a lower total return for the Fund.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its

assets) in a specific market sector, including the financials sector.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets. In addition, adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent.

### **REIT Risk:**

In addition to the risks associated with the real estate industry, which include declines in the real estate market, decreases in property revenues, increases in interest rates, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, legal and regulatory changes, a lack of credit or capital, defaults by borrowers or tenants, environmental problems and natural disasters, REITs are subject to additional risks, including those related to adverse governmental actions, declines in property value, and the potential failure to qualify for federal tax-free pass through of net income and gains and exemption from registration as an investment company. The failure of a company in which the Fund invests to qualify for treatment as a REIT under federal tax law may have an adverse impact on the Fund. REITs also are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, a REIT may experience delays in enforcing its

rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs to protect its investments. REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills and may invest in relatively few properties, a small geographic area or a small number of property types. Investments in REITs may be volatile. REITs are pooled investment vehicles with their own fees and expenses, and the Fund will indirectly bear a proportionate share of those fees and expenses.

## Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

## Sector Risk:

Issuers that are engaged in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of the securities of issuers in a particular sector of the market to decline. To the extent the Fund has substantial holdings within a particular sector, the risks associated with that sector increase. The Fund may be significantly invested in the financials sector, meaning that the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the availability and cost of capital funds, changes in interest rates, the rate of corporate and consumer debt defaults, credit ratings and quality, market liquidity, extensive government regulation and price competition. The impact of more stringent capital requirements and recent or future regulation of any individual financial company, or of the financials sector as a whole, cannot be predicted. In recent vears, cyber attacks and technology malfunctions and failures have become increasingly frequent in this sector and have

caused significant losses to companies in this sector, which may negatively impact the Fund.

Small-Size and Mid-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of small- and mid-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of small- and mid-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell small-to-mid-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

### Undervalued Securities Risk:

The Fund seeks to invest in stocks that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these events do not occur, are delayed or investor perceptions about the securities do not improve, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall. Moreover, value stocks may fall out of favor with investors and decline in price as a class.

# **TOTAL RETURN FUND**

# What are the Total Return Fund's objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks?

# Objective:

The Fund seeks high, long-term total investment return consistent with moderate investment risk.

# Principal Investment Strategies:

The Fund allocates its assets among stocks, bonds and money market instruments. While the percentage of assets allocated to each asset class is flexible rather than fixed, the Fund normally invests at least 50% of its net assets in stocks and at least 30% in bonds, cash, and money market instruments. Derivatives are included for the purpose of these allocations.

In connection with the determination of the Fund's allocation ranges, Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("Adviser") considers various factors, including existing and projected market conditions for equity and fixed income securities. Once the asset allocation for bonds, stocks and money market instruments has been set, the Adviser uses fundamental research and analysis to determine which particular investments to purchase or sell. The percentage allocations within the above ranges are actively monitored by the Fund's portfolio managers and may change due to, among other things, market fluctuations or reallocation decisions by the portfolio managers. Reallocations outside of the above ranges are expected to occur infrequently.

The Adviser selects investments in common stocks based on their potential for capital growth, current income or both. The Adviser considers, among other things, the issuer's financial strength, management, earnings growth potential and history (if any) of paying dividends. The Adviser will normally diversify the Fund's stock holdings among stocks of large-, mid- and small-size companies.

The Adviser selects individual investments in bonds by first considering the outlook for the economy and interest rates, and thereafter, a particular security's characteristics. The Adviser will typically diversify its bond holdings among different types of bonds and other debt securities, including corporate bonds, U.S. Government-sponsored enterprise securities, which may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities.

The Adviser may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated, alternative investments become more attractive or if it is necessary to rebalance the portfolio.

To a lesser extent, the Fund also invests in high yield, below investment grade corporate bonds (commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds"). The Adviser has retained Muzinich & Co, Inc. ("Muzinich") as a subadviser to manage this portion of the Fund. High yield bonds include both bonds that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or below BBB- by S&P Global Ratings as well as unrated bonds that are determined by Muzinich to be of equivalent quality. The Fund may also be exposed to high yield securities through the Adviser's investments in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs").

High yield bonds generally provide higher income than investment grade bonds to compensate investors for their higher risk of

default (i.e., failure to make required interest or principal payments). High yield securities may be backed by receivables or other assets. Muzinich primarily focuses on investments it believes can generate attractive and consistent income. In addition, Muzinich may seek investments that have stable to improving credit quality and potential for capital appreciation because of a credit rating upgrade or an improvement in the outlook for a particular company, industry or the economy as a whole. Although Muzinich will consider ratings assigned by ratings agencies in selecting high yield bonds, it relies principally on its own research and investment analysis. Muzinich may sell a bond when it shows deteriorating fundamentals or it falls short of the portfolio manager's expectations. It may also decide to continue to hold a bond (or related securities, such as stocks or warrants) after its issuer defaults or is subject to a bankruptcy.

The Fund may also invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates.

The Fund reserves the right to take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategies in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. If it does so, it may not achieve its investment objective. The Fund may also choose not to take defensive positions.

Information on the Fund's holdings can be found in the most recent annual report, and information concerning the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (see back cover).

The Statement of Additional Information also describes non-principal investment strategies that the Fund may use, including investing in other types of investments that are not described in this prospectus.

# Principal Risks:

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment carries with it some level of risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

#### Allocation Risk:

The allocation of the Fund's investments may have a significant effect on its performance. The Fund may allocate assets to investment classes that underperform other classes. For example, the Fund may be overweighted in stocks when the stock market is falling and the bond market is rising.

## Credit Risk:

This is the risk that an issuer of bonds and other debt securities will be unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of bonds and other debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer and, in the case of mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities, the credit quality of the underlying loans. Changes in the financial condition of an issuer, general economic conditions and specific economic conditions that affect a particular type of issuer can impact the credit quality of an issuer. Such changes may weaken an issuer's ability to make payments of principal or interest, or cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of interest or principal. Lower quality debt securities generally tend to be more sensitive to these changes than higher quality debt securities. The lowest rated category of investment grade debt securities may have speculative characteristics. While credit ratings may be available to assist in evaluating an issuer's credit quality, they may not accurately predict an issuer's ability to make timely payments of principal and interest. During times of economic downturn, issuers of high yield debt securities may not have the ability to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations.

Credit risk also applies to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. The securities issued by U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality or corporation. For example, securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. A security backed by the U.S. Government or the full faith and credit of the United States is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

Although the U.S. Treasury has supported Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the past, there is no guarantee it would do so again. Congress may alter the activities or operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which could negatively impact the credit risk associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities.

### Derivatives Risk:

The use of derivatives involves specific risks, which can increase the volatility of the Fund's share price, create leverage and expose the Fund to significant additional costs and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used, including the risk that a counterparty to a transaction may default on its obligations. There may be an imperfect correlation between the price of a derivative and the market value of the securities held by the Fund or the price of the assets hedged or used for cover. These investment techniques may limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. In connection with certain transactions that may give rise to future payment obligations, including investments in derivatives, the Fund may be required to maintain a segregated amount of, or otherwise earmark, cash or liquid

securities to cover the position or transaction, which cannot be sold while the position they are covering is outstanding, unless they are replaced with other assets of equal value. The use of derivatives for hedging purposes tends to limit any potential gain that might result from an increase in the value of the hedged position. Moreover, derivatives may be difficult or impossible to sell, unwind, or value in the absence of an active secondary trading market. Certain aspects of the regulatory treatment of derivative instruments, including federal income tax, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations, or other legally binding authority.

Futures Contracts Risk. The prices of futures contracts and options on futures contracts can be highly volatile; using them can lower total return; and the potential loss from futures can exceed an initial investment in such contracts. When the Fund purchases or sells a futures contract, it is subject to daily variation margin calls that could be substantial. If the Fund has insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it might need to sell securities at a time when such sales are disadvantageous. The Fund could suffer a loss if the underlying instrument or index does not move as expected.

Options Risk. Options may be subject to counterparty risk and the risk that a purchaser could lose the purchase price of the option or be subject to initial and variation margin requirements, which may be substantial.

## **Exchange-Traded Funds Risk:**

The risks of investing in securities of an ETF typically reflect the risks of the instruments in which the underlying ETF invests. Because ETFs are listed on an exchange, ETFs may be subject to trading halts and may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. In addition, ETFs are investment companies, and the Fund will bear its proportionate share of the fees and expenses of an investment in an ETF. As a result, the Fund's expenses may be higher and performance may be lower.

# High Yield Securities Risk:

High yield bonds and other types of high yield securities have greater credit risk than higher quality securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong as issuers with investment grade ratings. High yield securities, commonly referred to as junk bonds, are considered to be inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Lower quality securities generally tend to be more sensitive to changes in the actual or perceived financial condition of an issuer and economic conditions than higher quality securities. During times of economic stress, issuers of high yield securities may be unable to access the credit markets to refinance their bonds or meet other credit obligations. Investments in high yield securities may be volatile.

## Interest Rate Risk:

The market values of bonds and other debt securities are affected by changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. economy have recently increased and may continue to increase, perhaps significantly and/or rapidly, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. Generally, the longer the maturity and duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to interest rates. Duration is a measure of a debt security's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. For every 1% change in interest rates, a debt security's price generally changes approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration. For example, if a portfolio of debt securities has an average weighted duration of three years, its value can be expected to fall about 3% if interest rates rise by 1%. Conversely, the portfolio's value can be expected to rise approximately 3% if interest rates fall by 1%. The yields received by the Fund on its investments will generally decline as interest rates decline.

#### Market Risk:

Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments, a change in interest rates or a change in investor sentiment. Stock markets tend to run in cycles with periods when prices generally go up, known as "bull" markets, and periods when stock prices generally go down, referred to as "bear" markets.

Similarly, bond prices fluctuate in value with changes in interest rates, the economy and the financial conditions of companies that issue them. In general, bonds decline in value when interest rates rise. While stocks and bonds may react differently to economic events, there are times when stocks and bonds both may decline in value simultaneously.

There is also the possibility that the value of the Fund's investments in high yield securities will decline due to drops in the overall high yield bond market. Changes in the economic climate, investor perceptions and stock market volatility can cause the prices of the Fund's fixed-income and high yield investments to decline regardless of the conditions of the issuers held by the Fund.

The ability of broker-dealers to make a market in debt securities has decreased in recent years, in part as a result of structural changes, including fewer proprietary trading desks at broker-dealers and increased regulatory capital requirements. Further, many broker-dealers have reduced their inventory of certain debt securities. This could negatively affect the Fund's ability to buy or sell debt securities, and increase their volatility and trading costs.

Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemption requests by shareholders. The risk of loss increases if the redemption requests are unusually large or frequent. The Fund is susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or

impossible to sell at a time or price most favorable to the Fund, which could decrease the overall level of the Fund's liquidity and its ability to sell securities to meet redemptions. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements.

Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk:

The market risk associated with stocks of midand small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. Midand small-size companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger issuers, may depend on a few key employees and may have less predictable earnings. Stocks of mid- to small-size companies are not as broadly traded as stocks of larger issuers and less publicly available information may be available about them. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid-to- small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

## Prepayment and Extension Risk:

The Fund is subject to prepayment and extension risk since it invests in mortgagebacked and other asset-backed securities. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance their loans and the loans that back these securities suffer a higher rate of prepayment. This could cause a decrease in the Fund's income and share price. Extension risk is the flip side of prepayment risk. When interest rates rise, borrowers tend to repay their loans less quickly which will generally increase both the Fund's sensitivity to rising interest rates and its potential for price declines. The impact of prepayments and extensions on the price of mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may increase their price volatility.

# Security Selection Risk:

Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet the portfolio manager's expectations. This may be a result of specific factors relating to an issuer's financial condition or operations, changes in the economy, governmental actions or inactions, or changes in investor perceptions regarding the issuer.

# **FUND MANAGEMENT IN GREATER DETAIL**

On April 9, 2019, The Independent Order of Foresters, the ultimate parent company of Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO"), which is the investment adviser to the Funds, Foresters Financial Services, Inc. ("FFS"), which is the Funds' distributor, and Foresters Investors Services, Inc. ("FIS"), which is the Funds' transfer agent, announced that it has entered into the two definitive purchase agreements described below that, once completed, will result in the sale of its U.S. North American Asset Management businesses.

First, FIMCO has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Macquarie Management Holdings, Inc. ("Macquarie") whereby Macquarie, a global investment management firm headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will purchase FIMCO's assets related to the mutual fund management business, including the Funds (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is not expected to result in any material changes to the Funds' investment objectives and principal investment strategies. However, upon the completion of the Transaction, Macquarie expects that each Fund will be reorganized into a substantially similar fund that is managed by Delaware Management Company, a subsidiary of Macquarie (the "Reorganizations"). The Transaction is expected to be completed during the fourth calendar quarter of 2019, pending the satisfaction of certain closing conditions and approvals, including approvals of the Reorganizations by the Funds' Board of Trustees and Fund shareholders at a special shareholder meeting.

Second, FFS and Foresters Advisory Services, LLC ("FAS") has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Cetera Financial Group, Inc. ("Cetera"), a U.S.based wealth management firm headquartered in Denver, Colorado, whereby Cetera will purchase FFS' retail brokerage business and FAS' retail advisory business. This transaction is expected to be completed in the second calendar quarter of 2019.

### The Adviser.

Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. ("FIMCO" or "Adviser") is the investment adviser to each Fund. FIMCO has been the investment adviser to the First Investors Family of Funds since 1965. Its address is 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005. As of the date of this prospectus, FIMCO serves as investment adviser to 36 mutual funds or series of funds with total net assets of approximately \$11.4 billion as of December 31, 2018. FIMCO supervises all aspects of each Fund's operations.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, FIMCO received advisory fees, net of any applicable waiver, as follows: 0.75% of average daily net assets for Covered Call Strategy Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for Equity Income Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for Fund For Income; 0.29% of average daily net assets for Government Cash Management Fund: 0.73% of average daily net assets for Growth & Income Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for International Fund; 0.60% of average daily net assets for Investment Grade Fund; 0.60% of average daily net assets for Limited Duration Bond Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for Opportunity Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for Select Growth Fund; 0.75% of average daily net assets for Special Situations Fund; and 0.75% of average daily net assets for Total Return Fund.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Adviser waived advisory fees for the: Government Cash Management Fund in the amount of 0.46%; Investment Grade Fund in the amount of 0.15%; and Limited Duration Bond Fund in the amount of 0.15%. The waivers that are voluntary (rather than

contractual) are not reflected in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses tables, which are located in "The Funds Summary Section" of this prospectus and may be discontinued at any time by FIMCO without notice.

Descriptions of the factors considered by the Board of Trustees in approving the Advisory and Subadvisory Agreements for each Fund are available in the Funds' Semi-Annual Report for the period ended June 30, 2018.

Information regarding each of the Portfolio Managers who is primarily responsible for managing all or a portion of the assets of a Fund, except as otherwise indicated in "The Funds Summary Section", is set forth below.

Steven S. Hill, Senior Portfolio Manager serves as Portfolio Manager of the Opportunity Fund and Special Situations Funds. He has served as Portfolio Manager or Co-Portfolio Manager of the Opportunity Fund since its inception in 2012 and he has served as Portfolio Manager of the Special Situations Fund since 2013. Mr. Hill also serves as Portfolio Manager for other First Investors Funds and joined FIMCO in 2002 as an equity analyst.

Sean Reidy, Director of Equities of FIMCO since 2018 serves as Portfolio Manager of the Equity Income Fund since 2011 and the Growth & Income Fund since 2018. He also serves as Portfolio Manager to other First Investors Funds. Prior to joining FIMCO in 2010, Mr. Reidy was a proprietary trader at First New York Securities (2008-2010) and served as Co-Portfolio Manager and Research Director at Olstein Capital Management (1996-2007).

Rajeev Sharma, Director of Fixed Income of FIMCO since 2016, serves as Portfolio Manager of the Investment Grade Fund and he has served as Portfolio Manager or Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2009 and also serves as Portfolio Manager of other First Investors Funds. Mr. Sharma joined FIMCO in 2009 and prior to joining FIMCO, Mr. Sharma was a Vice-President and Senior Corporate Credit Analyst at Lazard Asset Management,

LLC (2005-2009) and Associate Director, Corporate Ratings at Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (2002-2005).

The Total Return Fund is managed by Mr. Reidy and Mr. Sharma. They jointly decide what portion of the Fund's assets should be allocated to stocks, bonds and cash. Mr. Reidy is primarily responsible for managing the Fund's investments in stocks and Mr. Sharma is primarily responsible for managing the Fund's investments in bonds and cash. Mr. Reidy has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2018. Mr. Sharma has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2017.

Rodwell Chadehumbe has serves as Portfolio Manager of the Limited Duration Bond Fund since 2014 and serves as a Portfolio Manager for another First Investors Funds. Prior to joining FIMCO in 2012, Mr. Chadehumbe served as Portfolio Manager at Clear Arc Capital, Inc. (f/k/a Fifth Third Asset Management, Inc.) (2008-2012).

Evan Snyder has served as the Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Growth & Income Fund since joining FIMCO in 2015 and also serves as the Assistant Portfolio Manager to another First Investors Fund. Prior to joining FIMCO, Mr. Snyder was an equity analyst with Invesco (2007-2014) and served in earlier roles at IBM Corporation and Credit Suisse First Boston.

Thomas Alonso has served as Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Opportunity Fund since 2018 and of the Special Situations Fund as of 2019 and serves as the Assistant Portfolio Manager of other First Investors Funds. Prior to joining FIMCO in 2017, Mr. Alonso served as the Vice President Senior Analyst at Macquarie Capital (2007-2015) and more recently as the Vice President of Investor Relations at Prospect Capital Management (2015-2017).

### The Subadvisers.

Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. ("Vontobel") serves as the investment

subadviser of the International Fund. Vontobel has discretionary trading authority over all of the Fund's assets, subject to continuing oversight and supervision by FIMCO and the Fund's Board of Trustees. Vontobel is located at 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. Vontobel is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Vontobel Holding AG, a Swiss bank holding company, having its registered offices in Zurich, Switzerland. Vontobel acts as the subadviser to six series of a Luxembourg investment fund that accepts investments from non-U.S. investors only and that was organized by an affiliate of Vontobel. Vontobel has provided investment advisory services to mutual fund clients since 1990. As of December 31, 2018, Vontobel managed approximately \$30.7 billion in assets.

Matthew Benkendorf, Managing Director, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, has served as Portfolio Manager of the International Fund since 2016. Mr. Benkendorf joined Vontobel in 1999 and has been a portfolio manager at Vontobel since 2006. Daniel Kranson and David Souccar. each an Executive Director, Senior Research Analyst and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, have each served as a Deputy Portfolio Manager of the International Fund since 2016. Mr. Kranson joined Vontobel in 2007 and has been a portfolio manager at Vontobel since 2013. Mr. Souccar joined Vontobel in 2007 and has been a portfolio manager at Vontobel since 2016. The same group of investment professionals also manage another First Investors Fund.

Smith Asset Management Group, L.P. ("Smith") serves as the investment subadviser of the Select Growth Fund. Smith has discretionary trading authority over all of the Fund's assets, subject to continuing oversight and supervision by FIMCO and the Fund's Board of Trustees. Smith is located at 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1150, Dallas, TX 75201. Smith is an investment management firm that provides investment services to a diverse list of clients including public funds, endowments, foundations, corporate pension and multi-

employer plans. As of December 31, 2018, Smith held investment management authority with respect to approximately \$3.0 billion in assets.

The Select Growth Fund is managed by a team of investment professionals who have an equal role in managing the Fund, including the following: Stephen S. Smith, CFA, Chief Executive Officer (1995 to present) and Investment Committee Chair of Smith since 2019; John D. Brim, CFA, President (2013 to 2019) and Chief Investment Officer (since 2019) and Portfolio Manager of Smith (1998 to present): and Eivind Olsen, CFA, a Portfolio Manager of Smith (2008 to present). Each investment professional has served as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2007, except for Mr. Olsen, who has served as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2009. The same team of investment professionals also manage another First Investors Fund.

Muzinich & Co., Inc. ("Muzinich") serves as the investment subadviser of the Fund For Income and a portion of the Investment Grade, Limited Duration Bond and Total Return Funds. Muzinich has discretionary trading authority over all or each applicable portion of each Fund's assets delegated to it by FIMCO, subject to continuing oversight and supervision by FIMCO and the Fund's Board of Trustees. Muzinich is located at 450 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Muzinich is an institutional asset manager specializing in high vield bond portfolio and other credit-oriented strategies. As of December 31, 2018, Muzinich managed approximately \$30.8 billion in assets.

Each Fund that is managed in whole or in part by Muzinich is managed by a team of investment professionals who have active roles in managing the Funds' assets, including the following: Clinton Comeaux, Portfolio Manager at Muzinich since 2009; and Bryan Petermann, Portfolio Manager at Muzinich since 2010 and prior thereto, the Managing Director, Head of High Yield, at Pinebridge Investments (f/k/a AIG Investments), for the last 5 years of his tenure (2000-2010). Mr. Comeaux has been

a Portfolio Manager of the Fund For Income since 2009 and Mr. Petermann has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund For Income since 2010. Each investment professional has managed Muzinich's portion of the Investment Grade, Limited Duration Bond and Total Return Funds since May 2018 and also manages other First Investors Funds.

Ziegler Capital Management, LLC ("ZCM") serves as the investment subadviser for the Covered Call Strategy Fund. ZCM has discretionary trading authority over all of the Fund's assets, subject to continuing oversight and supervision by FIMCO and the Fund's Board of Trustees. ZCM is a Wisconsin limited liability company with principal offices at 70 West Madison Street, 24th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602-4109. ZCM is an investment management firm that serves a wide range of clients including institutions, municipality, pension plans, foundations, endowments, senior living organizations, hospitals and high net worth individuals. ZCM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Stifel Financial Corp. As of December 31, 2018, ZCM held investment management authority with respect to approximately \$11.9 billion in assets.

Wiley D. Angell and Sean C. Hughes, CFA have served as the Covered Call Strategy Fund's portfolio managers since the inception of the Covered Call Strategy Fund in 2016. Mr. Angell, Senior Portfolio Manager of ZCM, joined ZCM in May 2015. Prior to that, Mr. Angell served as the President and Chief Investment Officer of Fiduciary Asset Management LLC ("FAMCO") since 2008. Mr. Hughes, Senior Portfolio Manager of ZCM, joined ZCM in May 2015. Prior to that, Mr. Hughes was a Vice President and Portfolio Manager with FAMCO since 2013. Mr. Hughes joined FAMCO in 2005 as a research analyst. Each of these investment professionals also manages other First Investors Funds.

### Other Information.

Except for the Government Cash Management Fund, the Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of securities in a Fund.

The Funds have received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), which permits FIMCO to enter into new or modified subadvisory agreements with existing or new subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Funds or FIMCO without approval of the Funds' shareholders but subject to the approval of the Funds' Board of Trustees and certain other conditions. FIMCO has ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Funds' Board of Trustees, and certain other conditions, to oversee the subadvisers and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. In the event that a subadviser is added or modified, the prospectus will be supplemented.

The Adviser and each subadviser to the Funds is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

The following is information about the indices that are used by the Funds in the Average Annual Total Returns tables which are located in "The Funds Summary Section" of this prospectus, as benchmarks for their performance. The indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

- The ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate Master Index includes publicly-issued, fixed-rate, non-convertible investment grade dollar-denominated, SEC-registered corporate debt having at least one year to maturity and an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.
- The ICE BofAML BB-B U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Constrained Index contains all securities in the BofAML U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index rated BB1 through B3, based on an average of Moody's Investment Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, but caps issuer exposure at 2%.

- The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure the performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of such stocks, which represent all major industries.
- The Russell 3000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. (The Russell 3000 Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization).
- The MSCI EAFE Index (Gross) and the MSCI EAFE Index (Net) are free float-adjusted market capitalization indices that measure developed foreign market equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The Indices consist of 22 developed market country indices. The MSCI EAFE Index (Gross) is calculated on a total-return basis with maximum possible dividend reinvestment (before taxes). The MSCI EAFE Index (Net) is calculated on a total-return basis with the minimum possible dividend reinvestment (after taxes).
- The S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 400 stocks designed to measure the performance of the mid-range sector of the U.S. stock market.
- The ICE BofAML U.S. Corporate, Government & Mortgage Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, including U.S. Treasury quasi-government, corporate and residential mortgage pass-through securities.
- The ICE BofAML 1-5 Year U.S. Broad Market Index is a subset of the BofAML U.S. Broad Market Index, which tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, including U.S. Treasury,

- quasi-government, corporate, securitized and collateralized securities. The BofAML 1-5 Year U.S. Broad Market Index includes all securities with a remaining term to final maturity or an average life less than 5 years.
- The Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.
- The Russell 2000 Value Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of small-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- The Cboe S&P 500 BuyWrite Index is a benchmark index designed to show the hypothetical performance of a portfolio that engages in a buy-write strategy using S&P 500 index call options.
- The Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index is the one- to three-vear component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index that includes securities in the Government and Credit Indexes. The Government Index includes Treasuries (that is, public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have remaining maturities of more than one year) and agencies (that is, publicly issued debt of U.S. government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government). The Credit Index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.
- The MSCI USA Small Cap Value Index captures small cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across the U.S. Equity markets. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.

- The MSCI USA Value Index captures large and mid cap U.S. securities exhibiting overall value characteristics. The value investment style characteristics for index constructions are defined using book value to price 12month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.
- The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. economy. It includes Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

#### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

# How and when do the Funds price their shares?

The share price (which is called "net asset value" or "NAV") per share for each Fund normally is calculated as of the regularly scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) each day that the NYSE is scheduled to be open ("Business Day"). Shares of each Fund normally will not be priced on the days on which the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading, such as on most national holidays and Good Friday. In the event that the NYSE closes early, the share price normally will be determined as of the time of the closing. To calculate the NAV per share, each Fund first values its assets, subtracts its liabilities, and then divides the balance, called net assets, by the number of shares outstanding. Each Fund, except for the Government Cash Management Fund, generally values its investments based upon their last reported sale prices, market quotations, or estimates of value provided by a pricing service as of the time as of which the NAV is calculated (collectively, "current market values").

If current market values for investments are not readily available, are deemed to be unreliable, or do not appear to reflect significant events that have occurred prior to the time as of which the NAV is calculated, the investments may be valued at fair value prices as determined by the investment adviser of the Funds under procedures that have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Funds. The Funds may fair value a security due to, among other things, the fact that: (a) a pricing service does not offer a current market value for the security; (b) a current market value furnished by a pricing service is believed to be stale; (c) the security does not open for trading or stops trading and does not resume trading before the time as of which the NAV is calculated, pending some corporate announcement or development; or (d) the

security is illiquid or trades infrequently and its market value is therefore slow to react to information. In such cases, the Fund's investment adviser will price the security based upon its estimate of the security's market value using some or all of the following factors: the information that is available as of the time as of which the NAV is calculated, including issuer-specific news; general market movements; sector movements; or movements of similar securities.

Foreign securities are generally priced based upon their market values as of the close of foreign markets in which they principally trade ("closing foreign market prices"). Foreign securities may be priced based upon fair value estimates (rather than closing foreign market prices) provided by a pricing service when price movements in the U.S. subsequent to the closing of foreign markets have exceeded a pre-determined threshold, when foreign markets are closed regardless of movements in the U.S. markets, or when a particular security is not trading at the close of the applicable foreign market. The pricing service, its methodology or threshold may change from time to time. Foreign securities may also be valued at fair value prices as determined by the investment adviser in the event that current market values or fair value estimates from a pricing service are not available.

In the event that a security, domestic or foreign, is priced using fair value pricing, a Fund's value for that security is likely to be different than the security's last reported market sale price or quotation. Moreover, fair value pricing is based upon opinions or predictions on how events or information may affect market prices. Thus, different investment advisers may, in good faith and using reasonable procedures, conclude that the same security has a different fair value.

Finally, the use of fair value pricing for one or more securities held by a Fund could cause a Fund's net asset value to be materially different than if the Fund had employed market values in pricing its securities.

Because foreign markets may be open for trading on days that the U.S. markets are closed, the values of securities held by the Funds that trade in markets outside the United States may fluctuate on days that Funds are not open for business and may result in a Fund's portfolio investment being affected on days when shareholders are unable to purchase or redeem shares.

The Government Cash Management Fund values its assets using the amortized cost method which is intended to permit the Fund to maintain a stable \$1.00 NAV per share. The NAV per share of the Government Cash Management Fund could nevertheless decline below \$1.00 per share.

## How do I buy and sell shares?

You cannot invest directly in the Funds. Investments in each of the Funds may only be made through a purchase of a variable annuity contract ("contract") or variable life insurance policy ("policy"). The Funds offer their shares, without a sales charge, only for purchase by insurance companies for allocation to their separate accounts (the "Separate Accounts"). Shares of each Fund are purchased by a Separate Account at the Fund's NAV per share next computed after the Funds receive the order from a participating insurance company upon receipt of the premium payment. Each Fund continuously offers its shares at a price equal to the Fund's NAV per share. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the Funds are subject to the limits applicable to an insurance company's variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies.

Insurance companies redeem shares of the Funds to make benefits and surrender

payments under the terms of the variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies. Redemptions are processed on each Business Day and are effected at each Fund's NAV per share next computed after the Funds receive the order from a participating insurance company upon receipt of a surrender request in acceptable form and in good order. Payment for redeemed shares will generally be made within two business days, but in no event later than seven days after the Fund's receipt of a redemption request that is in good order. The Funds may not suspend or reject a redemption request that is received in good order or delay payment for a redemption for more than 7 days, except during unusual market conditions affecting the NYSE, in the case of an emergency which makes it impracticable for a Fund to dispose of or value securities it owns or as permitted by the SEC. Generally, the Funds expect to meet redemption requests through their holdings of cash (or cash equivalents) or by selling portfolio securities. The Funds may also consider using interfund lending to meet redemption requests. The Funds may be more likely to use these other methods to meet large redemption requests or during periods of market stress. For additional information about interfund lending, please refer to the Funds' SAI. The Government Cash Management Fund may also suspend redemptions to facilitate orderly liquidation of the Fund as permitted by applicable law.

The Fund or Funds that are available to you depend upon which contract or policy you have purchased. For additional information about how to buy or sell a contract and/or policy and the Funds that are available for the contract or policy you own or are considering, please refer to the prospectus used in connection with the issuance of the contract or policy.

# Do the Funds pay compensation to intermediaries?

FIMCO and/or its affiliates (collectively, "FIMCO") may make payments for marketing and promotional services by insurance companies or their affiliates or other financial intermediaries that offer the Funds as underlying investment options for their variable annuity contracts or life insurance policies. In addition, FIMCO and the Funds may make payments to these insurance companies and their affiliates and other financial intermediaries for administrative, shareholder and related services. Payments that may be made by FIMCO are often referred to as "revenue sharing payments." The level of such payments may be based on factors that include, without limitation, differing levels or types of services, the expected level of assets or sales of shares, and other factors. Revenue sharing payments are paid by FIMCO from its own resources. Because revenue sharing payments are paid by FIMCO, and not the Funds, the amount of any revenue sharing payments is determined by FIMCO.

Payments may be based on current or past sales of shares of the Funds through the variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies offering the Funds as an investment option, current or historical Fund assets, or a flat fee for specific services provided. In some circumstances, such payments may create an incentive for an insurance company or its affiliates to recommend a particular variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Funds are an underlying investment option, rather than recommend another investment option offered under a particular contract or policy. You may contact your insurance provider for details about revenue sharing payments it may pay or receive.

# Can I exchange my shares for the shares of other Funds?

An exchange involves the redemption of shares of a Fund and the purchase of shares of another mutual fund that is an investment option under your variable annuity contract or life insurance policy. Please consult the prospectus for your variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for more information regarding exchange privileges.

# What are the Funds' policies on frequent trading in the shares of the Funds?

With the exception of the Government Cash Management Fund, each Fund is designed for long-term investment purposes and it is not intended to provide a vehicle for frequent trading. The Board of Trustees of the Funds has adopted policies and procedures to detect and prevent frequent trading in the shares of each of the Funds, other than the Government Cash Management Fund. These policies and procedures apply uniformly to all accounts. However, the ability of the Funds to detect and prevent frequent trading in certain accounts, such as omnibus accounts, is limited.

It is the policy of each Fund to decline to accept any new account that the Fund has reason to believe will be used for market timing purposes, based upon the amount invested, the Fund or Funds involved, and the background of the shareholder or brokerdealer involved. Alternatively, a Fund may allow such an account to be opened if it is provided with written assurances that the account will not be used for market timing.

It is the policy of the Funds to monitor activity in existing accounts to detect market-timing activity. The criteria used for monitoring differ depending upon the type of account involved. It is the policy of the Funds to reject, without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange transaction if the Funds believe that the

transaction is part of a market timing strategy. The Funds also reserve the right to reject exchanges that in the Funds' view are excessive, even if the activity does not constitute market timing.

Exchange privileges among underlying investment options are governed by the terms of a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy. A variable annuity contract or life insurance policy may or may not limit the number of exchanges among the available underlying investment options that a contract or policy owner may make. The terms of these contracts and policies, the presence of insurance companies as intermediaries between the Funds and a contract or policy owner, the utilization of Separate Accounts by insurance companies and other factors, such as state insurance laws, may limit the Funds' ability to detect and deter market timing.

If the Funds reject an exchange because it is believed to be part of a market timing strategy or otherwise, neither the redemption nor the purchase side of the exchange will be processed. Alternatively, the Funds may restrict exchange activity that is believed to be part of a market timing strategy or refuse to accept exchange requests via telephone, or any other electronic means.

FIMCO expects all insurance companies that offer the Funds as an investment option under their variable contracts and/or policies to make reasonable efforts to identify and restrict the frequent trading activities of variable contract and/or policy owners indirectly investing in the Funds. FIMCO will seek full cooperation from an insurance company offering the Funds as investment options under its variable contracts or policies to identify any underlying contract or policy owner suspected of market timing.

In certain circumstances, the Funds may rely upon the policy of an insurance company to deter frequent or excessive trading if FIMCO believes that the policy of such insurance company is reasonably designed to detect and deter transactions that are not in the Funds'

best interest. An insurance company's policy relating to frequent or excessive trading may be more or less restrictive than the Funds' policies, may permit certain transactions not permitted by the Funds' policies, or prohibit transactions not subject to the Funds' policies. FIMCO may accept undertakings from an insurance company to enforce frequent or excessive trading policies on behalf of the Funds provided they offer a substantially similar level of protection for the Funds against such transactions.

There is no assurance that the Funds' or an insurance company's policies and procedures will be effective in limiting frequent and excessive trading in all cases. For example, FIMCO may not be able to effectively monitor, detect or limit frequent or excessive trading by underlying contract or policy owners that occurs through insurance company separate accounts. If FIMCO has reason to suspect that frequent or excessive trading is occurring at the Separate Account level, FIMCO will contact the insurance company to request underlying contract holder activity. If frequent or excessive trading is identified, FIMCO will take appropriate action.

In the case of all the Funds, to the extent that the policies of the Funds or an insurance company are not successful in detecting and preventing frequent trading in the shares of the Funds, frequent trading may: (a) interfere with the efficient management of the Funds by, among other things, causing the Funds to hold extra cash or to sell securities to meet redemptions; (b) increase portfolio turnover, brokerage expenses, and administrative costs; and (c) harm the performance of the Funds, particularly for long-term shareholders who do not engage in frequent trading.

In the case of the Funds that invest in high yield bonds and or floating rate loans, the risk of frequent trading includes the risk that investors may attempt to take advantage of the fact that high yield bonds and floating rate loans generally trade infrequently and therefore their prices are slow to react to information. To the extent that these policies

are not successful in preventing a shareholder from engaging in market timing, it may cause dilution in the value of the shares held by other shareholders.

In the case of the Funds that invest in stocks of small-size and/or mid-size companies, the risk of frequent trading includes the risk that investors may attempt to take advantage of the fact that stocks of small-size and/or mid-size companies may trade infrequently and thus their prices may be slow to react to information. To the extent that these policies are not successful in preventing a shareholder from engaging in market timing, it may cause dilution in the value of the shares held by other shareholders.

In the case of the Funds that invest in foreign securities, the risks of frequent trading include the risk of time zone arbitrage. Time zone arbitrage occurs when shareholders attempt to take advantage of the fact that the valuation of foreign securities held by a Fund may not reflect information or events that have occurred after the close of the foreign markets on which such securities principally trade but before the time as of which the NAV is calculated. To the extent that these policies are not successful in preventing a shareholder from engaging in time zone arbitrage, it may cause dilution in the value of the shares held by other shareholders.

The Funds' policies on frequent trading are separate from any insurance company's policies and procedures applicable to variable annuity contract or life insurance policy owner transactions. The variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus may contain a description of the insurance company's policies and procedures with respect to excessive or frequent trading. You may wish to contact the insurance company to determine the policies applicable to your account.

## What about dividends and other distributions?

The Separate Accounts, which own the shares of the Funds, will receive all dividends and other distributions paid by the Funds. As described in the applicable Separate Account prospectus, all dividends and other distributions are reinvested by the Separate Account in additional shares of the distributing Fund unless we are informed by the applicable insurance company that they should be paid out in cash.

Except for the Government Cash Management Fund, to the extent that a Fund has net investment income it will declare and pay, on an annual basis, dividends from net investment income. To the extent that the Government Cash Management Fund has net investment income, it will declare daily and pay monthly dividends from net investment income. Each Fund will distribute any net realized capital gains on an annual basis, usually after the end of its taxable year. The Government Cash Management Fund does not expect to realize any long-term capital gains.

#### What about taxes?

Each Fund currently sells its shares only to participating insurance companies for allocation to their separate accounts. Accordingly, you generally will not be subject to federal income tax as the result of purchases or redemptions or exchanges of Fund shares by a Separate Account, or Fund dividend or other distributions it receives. However, there may be tax consequences associated with investing in contract or policy for which the Funds are investment options. Please see the applicable prospectus provided in connection with the issuance of the contract or policy.

#### **Additional Information**

The First Investors Life Series Funds (the "Trust") enters into contractual arrangements with various parties, including among others. the Funds' investment adviser, sub-adviser(s) (if applicable), custodian and transfer agent who provide services to the Funds. Contractowners and policy holders are not parties to any such contractual arrangements or intended beneficiaries of those contractual arrangements, and those contractual arrangements are not intended to create in any contractowner or policy holder any right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the Trust.

This prospectus provides information concerning the Funds that you should consider in making allocation decisions. Neither this prospectus nor the SAI is intended, or should be read, to be or give rise to an agreement or contract between the Trust, the Trustees or any First Investors Fund and any investor, or to give rise to any rights in any contractowner or policy holder or other person other than any rights under federal or state law that may not be waived. Nothing contained in this Prospectus or SAI is intended to provide investment advice and should not be construed as investment advice.

Residents of Texas who own shares of a Fund have the option of providing the name and mailing or e-mail address of a person designated by them to receive any notice required under Texas law regarding Fund shares valued at more than \$250 that are presumed to be abandoned. The Designation of Representative for Notice Request Form can be found on the Texas Comptroller's website. Contact your Representative or financial intermediary for additional information or assistance.

Cybersecurity issues may impact a Fund, its service providers, and shareholders' ability to transact with a Fund, may be negatively impacted due to operational risks arising from, among other problems, human errors, systems and technology disruptions or failures, or cybersecurity incidents. Cybersecurity incidents may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to Fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a Fund or its service providers, as well as the securities trading venues and their service providers, to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. It is not possible for service providers to identify all of the operational risks that may affect a Fund or to develop processes and controls to completely eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. The Funds' SAI includes more information regarding cybersecurity issues.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the financial performance of each Fund for the years indicated. The following tables set forth the per share data for each fiscal year ended December 31. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the tables represent the rates that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in each Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions). The information has been audited by Tait. Weller & Baker LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Funds' financial statements, is included in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information. which is available for free upon request and on our website at www.foresters.com.

The financial statements included in the Funds' annual report are incorporated herein by reference.

Per S	Per Share Data								
	Net Asset Value at	Income fro Investmen	m t Operations		Less Distributions from				
	Beginning of Year	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Net Realized and Unrealized Loss on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions		
Cover	ed Call Stra	ategy							
2016 <sup>*</sup>	\$10.00	\$.07 <sup>b</sup>	\$.46	\$.53	\$	_	\$		
2017	10.53	.14 <sup>b</sup>	1.02	1.16	.04	_	.04		
2018	11.65	.16 <sup>b</sup>	(1.31)	(1.15)	.13	_	.13		
Equity	Income								
2014	\$20.89	\$.35	\$1.28	\$1.63	\$.36	\$.87	\$1.23		
2015	21.29	.40b	(.58)	(.18)	.35	.75	1.10		
2016	20.01	.42 <sup>b</sup>	2.03	2.45	.40	.70	1.10		
2017	21.36	.40b	2.81	3.21	.42	.51	.93		
2018	23.64	.66 <sup>b</sup>	(2.57)	(1.91)	.43	.69	1.12		

<sup>\*</sup> For the period May 2, 2016 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2016.

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	Total Return	Ratios/Supplemental Data						
Net Asset Value at End of Year	Total Return† (%)	Net Assets at End of Year (in Millions)	Ratio to A Net Asset Expenses Before Fee Credits <sup>a</sup> (%)	•	( /	s penses Assumed	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	
Covered C	Call Strategy							
\$10.53	5.30 <sup>d</sup>	\$10	1.73 <sup>c</sup>	. <b>97</b> c	N/A	N/A	96 <sup>d</sup>	
11.65	11.07	11	1.06	1.26	N/A	N/A	143	
10.37	(9.99)	17	.98	1.44	N/A	N/A	87	
Equity Inc	ome							
\$21.29	8.26	\$110	.81	1.76	N/A	N/A	25	
20.01	(1.03)	107	.81	1.97	N/A	N/A	24	
21.36	13.28	117	.81	2.09	N/A	N/A	20	
23.64	15.52	130	.80	1.81	N/A	N/A	18	
20.61	(8.42)	114	.81	2.92	N/A	N/A	50	

Per \$	Per Share Data								
	Net Asset Value at Beginning of Year	Income fro Investmen Net Investment Income	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Less Distril from Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions		
Fund	For Income								
2014	\$6.84	\$.34	\$(.28)	\$.06	\$.37		\$.37		
2015	6.53	.30 <sup>b</sup>	(.40)	(.10)	.36	_	.36		
2016	6.07	.30 <sup>b</sup>	.34	.64	.35	_	.35		
2017	6.36	.30 <sup>b</sup>	.12	.42	.33	_	.33		
2018	6.45	.30 <sup>b</sup>	(.46)	(.16)	.33	_	.33		
Gover	nment Cas	h Manage	ment						
2014	\$1.00	\$		\$	\$	_	\$		
2015	1.00	b							
2016	1.00	b							
2017	1.00	b		_	.00 <sup>d</sup>	_	.00d		
2018	1.00	.01 <sup>b</sup>		.01	.01		.01		

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c From 2014 to 2017, FIMCO voluntarily waived advisory fees to limit the Fund's overall expense ratio to .60%, waived additional advisory fees and/or assumed other expenses to prevent a negative yield on the Fund's shares.

d Due to rounding the amount is less than .005 per share.

	Total Return	Ratios/Supplemental Data						
Net Asset Value at End of Year	Total Return† (%)	Net Assets at End of Year (in Millions)	Ratio to A Net Asset Expenses Before Fee Credits <sup>a</sup> (%)		()	enses Assumed	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	
Fund For Income								
\$6.53	.79	\$99	.85	4.88	N/A	N/A	41	
6.07	(1.85)	95	.86	4.86	N/A	N/A	45	
6.36	11.12	101	.89	4.85	N/A	N/A	56	
6.45	6.82	106	.89	4.70	N/A	N/A	66	
5.96	(2.58)	100	.91	4.93	N/A	N/A	73	
Governme	ent Cash Ma	nagement						
\$1.00	.00	\$10	.08c	.00	.99	(.91)	N/A	
1.00	.00	14	.13 <sup>c</sup>	.00	1.09	(.96)	N/A	
1.00	.00	10	.38c	.00	1.15	(.78)	N/A	
1.00	.26	9	.60c	.25	1.19	(.34)	N/A	
1.00	1.24	12	.60c	1.26	1.06	.80	N/A	

#### Per Share Data Net Asset Less Distributions Income from Value at **Investment Operations** from Beginning Net Net Realized Total from Net Net Total of Year Investment Investment Realized Distributions and Investment Gains Income Unrealized Operations Income Gain (Loss) on Investments **Growth & Income** 2014 \$44.89 \$.54 \$2.82 \$3.36 \$.53 \$.29 \$.82 2015 .55 47.43 .60b (1.87)(1.27)2.50 3.05 2016 43.11 .69b 3.08 3.77 .61 2.09 2.70 2017 44.18 .66b 7.09 7.75 .71 1.77 2.48 2018 49.45 $.72^{b}$ (5.48)(4.76).68 2.17 2.85 International 2014 \$20.62 \$.23 \$.26 \$.49 \$.23 \$ \$.23 2015 20.88 .26b .47 .73 .23 .23 .27b 2016 21.38 (.90).26 .26 (1.17)2017 20.22 .22b 6.38 .25 .25 6.60 2018 26.57 .21b (3.29)(3.08).21 1.20 1.41

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	Total Return	Ratios/Supplemental Data						
Net Asset Value at End of Year	Total Return† (%)	Net Assets at End of Year (in Millions)	Ratio to A Net Asset Expenses Before Fee Credits <sup>a</sup> (%)		Ratio to A Net Asset Before Ex Waived or Expenses <sup>a</sup> (%)	s penses Assumed	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	
Growth & Income								
\$47.43	7.65	\$493	.78	1.18	N/A	N/A	21	
43.11	(3.12)	457	.78	1.33	N/A	N/A	23	
44.18	9.88	475	.79	1.67	N/A	N/A	21	
49.45	18.28	532	.78	1.45	N/A	N/A	17	
41.84	(10.17)	449	.77	1.54	N/A	N/A	58	
Internatio	nal							
\$20.88	2.39	\$131	.92	1.10	N/A	N/A	28	
21.38	3.49	134	.87	1.22	N/A	N/A	27	
20.22	(4.20)	124	.87	1.28	N/A	N/A	37	
26.57	32.96	160	.84	.90	N/A	N/A	29	
22.08	(12.16)	142	.86	.84	N/A	N/A	50	

Per S	Per Share Data								
	Net Asset Value at Beginning of Year	Income fro Investmen Net Investment Income (Loss)	nm t Operations Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Less Distril from Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions		
Invest	ment Grad	е							
2014	\$11.03	\$.42	\$.21	\$.63	\$.46		\$.46		
2015	11.20	.34 <sup>b</sup>	(.37)	(.03)	.47		.47		
2016	10.70	.33 <sup>b</sup>	.15	.48	.45		.45		
2017	10.73	.31 <sup>b</sup>	.18	.49	.42		.42		
2018	10.80	.31 <sup>b</sup>	(.53)	(.22)	.40		.40		
Limite	ed Duration	Bond							
2014*	\$10.00	\$(.13)	\$(.13)	\$(.26)	\$		\$		
2015	9.74	.01 <sup>b</sup>	(.06)	(.05)					
2016	9.69	(.03)b	.09	.06	.09	_	.09		
2017	9.66	.10 <sup>b</sup>	.02	.12	.17		.17		
2018	9.61	.05 <sup>b</sup>	(.07)	(.02)	.25		.25		

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	Total Return	Ratios/Supplemental Data							
Net Asset Value at End of Year	Total Return† (%)	Net Assets at End of Year (in Millions)	Ratio to A Net Asset Expenses Before Fee Credits <sup>a</sup> (%)			enses Assumed	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)		
Investme	Investment Grade								
\$11.20	5.86	\$63	.69	2.78	.84	2.63	45		
10.70	(.35)	62	.68	3.12	.83	2.97	37		
10.73	4.65	64	.68	3.02	.83	2.87	40		
10.80	4.72	66	.68	2.93	.83	2.78	60		
10.18	(2.03)	62	.70	3.05	.85	2.90	53		
Limited D	uration Bond	i							
\$9.74	(2.60) <sup>d</sup>	\$3	5.82c	(4.25) <sup>c</sup>	5.97c	(4.40) <sup>c</sup>	11 <sup>d</sup>		
9.69	(.51)	6	1.44	.11	1.59	(.04)	94		
9.66	.64	8	1.06	(.34)	1.21	(.49)	78		
9.61	1.26	7	1.01	1.09	1.16	.94	82		
9.34	(.22)	34	1.15	.49	1.30	.34	268		

#### Per Share Data Net Asset Less Distributions Income from Value at **Investment Operations** from Beginning Net Net Realized Total from Net Net Total of Year Investment Distributions Investment Investment Realized and Income Unrealized Operations Income Gains Gain (Loss) on Investments Opportunity 2014 \$14.08 \$.03 \$.78 \$.81 \$ \$.01 \$.01 2015 .08b .03 14.88 (.20)(.12).03 2016 14.73 .12<sup>b</sup>1.09 1.21 .07 .07 2017 15.87 .10b 2.90 3.00 .11 .11 2018 18.76 .24b .10 .24 .34 (3.08)(2.84)**Select Growth** 2014 \$12.69 \$.05 \$1.66 \$1 71 \$.05 \$.01 \$.06 2015 14.34 .09b .38 .47 .05 .78 .83 2016 13.98 .08b .36 .44 .09 .96 1.05 2017 13.37 .06b 3.97 1.53 4.03 .08 1.45 2018 15.87 $.05^{b}$ (.57)(.52).06 1.15 1.21

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Net Asset Value at End of Year	Total Return† (%)	Net Assets at End of Year (in Millions)	Ratio to A Net Asset Expenses Before Fee Credits <sup>a</sup> (%)	•	Ratio to A Net Asset Before Ex Waived on Expenses <sup>a</sup> (%)	s epenses r Assumed	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)	
Opportunity								
\$14.88	5.73	\$27	1.01	.31	N/A	N/A	31	
14.73	(.81)	40	.89	.53	N/A	N/A	45	
15.87	8.26	53	.87	.83	N/A	N/A	31	
18.76	19.00	70	.84	.59	N/A	N/A	30	
15.58	(15.38)	64	.83	1.34	N/A	N/A	59	
Select Gro	owth				•			
\$14.34	13.53	\$44	.83	.43	N/A	N/A	37	
13.98	3.21	48	.83	.65	N/A	N/A	43	
13.37	4.04	52	.83	.61	N/A	N/A	64	
15.87	32.80	70	.81	.40	N/A	N/A	52	
14.14	(3.79)	74	.81	.34	N/A	N/A	31	

Per S	Per Share Data								
	Net Asset Value at Beginning	Income fro Investmen	om t Operations Net Realized	Total from	Less Distributions from				
	of Year	Investment Income (Loss)	and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions		
Specia	al Situation	ıs							
2014	\$38.97	\$.22	\$1.82	\$2.04	\$.18	\$6.61	\$6.79		
2015	34.22	.18 <sup>b</sup>	(.27)	(.09)	.22	1.51	1.73		
2016	32.40	.33 <sup>b</sup>	4.28	4.61	.18	2.19	2.37		
2017	34.64	.15 <sup>b</sup>	6.06	6.21	.33	.44	.77		
2018	40.08	.23 <sup>b</sup>	(6.17)	(5.94)	.18	5.10	5.28		
Total	Return	_							
2014	\$11.62	\$.09	\$.60	\$.69	\$.01	\$	\$.01		
2015	12.30	.15 <sup>b</sup>	(.34)	(.19)	.13	_	.13		
2016	11.98	.18 <sup>b</sup>	.59	.77	.17	_	.17		
2017	12.58	.18 <sup>b</sup>	1.28	1.46	.21		.21		
2018	13.83	.24 <sup>b</sup>	(1.28)	(1.04)	.22	.07	.29		

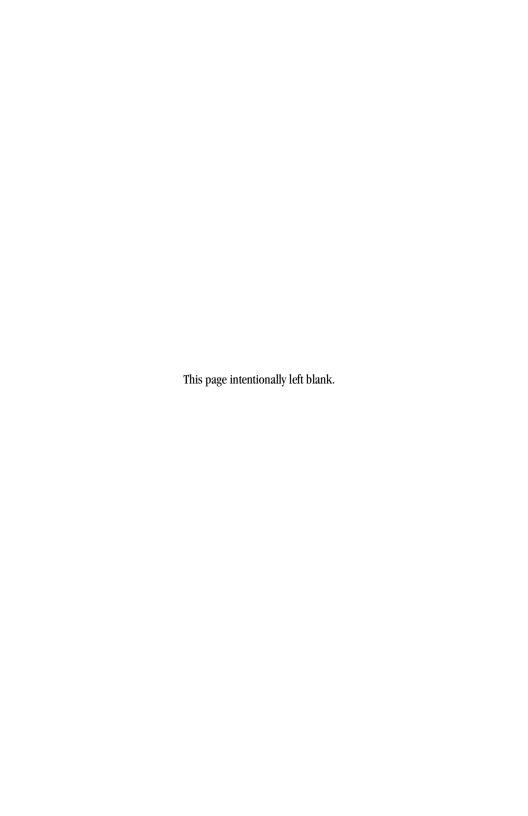
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Special Si	Special Situations								
\$34.22	6.30	\$209	.80	.66	N/A	N/A	41		
32.40	(.52)	202	.80	.52	N/A	N/A	46		
34.64	16.10	224	.81	1.06	N/A	N/A	31		
40.08	18.26	256	.80	.40	N/A	N/A	38		
28.86	(16.60)	210	.80	.65	N/A	N/A	54		
Total Retu	urn	•							
\$12.30	5.97	\$29	.96	.96	N/A	N/A	53		
11.98	(1.61)	37	.89	1.20	N/A	N/A	39		
12.58	6.62	40	.89	1.45	N/A	N/A	67		
13.83	11.75	48	.86	1.39	N/A	N/A	48		
12.50	(7.65)	52	.90	1.80	N/A	N/A	68		



# First Investors Funds Financial

#### LIFE SERIES FUNDS

Covered Call Strategy
Equity Income
Fund For Income
Government Cash Management
Growth & Income
International
Investment Grade
Limited Duration Bond
Opportunity
Select Growth
Special Situations
Total Return

For more information about the Funds, the following documents are available for free upon request:

### Annual/Semi-Annual Reports (Reports):

Additional information about each Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. These Reports include the portfolio holdings of each Fund. In each Fund's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during the period. The financial statements included in the Funds' annual report are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

## Statement of Additional Information (SAI):

The SAI provides more detailed information about the Funds and is incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

To obtain free copies of the Reports and the SAI or to obtain other information, you may visit our website at: foresters.com or contact the Funds at:

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You can review and copy Fund documents (including the Reports and the SAI) at the Public Reference Room of the SEC in Washington, D.C. You can also obtain copies of Fund documents after paying a duplicating fee (i) by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, D.C. 20549-1520 or (ii) by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov. To find out more, call the SEC at 1 (202) 551-8090. Electronic versions of Fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from the EDGAR database on the SEC's Internet website at http://www.sec.gov.

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